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GIMME FIVE!

Netherlands Trounces World Champion Spain 5-1

Netherlands' Robin van Persie celebrates with Netherlands' head coach Louis van Gaal after scoring a goal during the group B World Cup soccer match between Spain and the Netherlands in Salvador, Brazil, Friday, June 13, 2014. The Netherlands decisively won the match 5-1.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

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Football Fans on Aruba Cheer For The World Cup!



ORANJESTAD - Yes, it started: the World Cup in Brazil. And it is predicted to be a long but exciting event. Friday was the day rivals Spain and Holland met. Of course Aruba being a Dutch colony many of the

locals have been rooting for Holland. All bars on the island are watching the games closely on their huge flat screens and especially for Holland's first game we from the Aruba Today, visited the Pad-

dock.

As you see on the pictures the staff, tourists, locals and the Dutch population were celebrating as one. Free snacks and reduced prices on the beer with of course the amazing outcome of 5-1 for Holland crated a super atmosphere. With many more games to come we invite all our visitors to participate and enjoy how we locals celebrate the 2014 World Cup. □



First New Herring and a Terrific Soccer Match at Cafe the Plaza

ORANJESTAD - This past Friday afternoon we saw terrific World Cup action at Cafe the Plaza: the first half of the Spain-Netherlands match had hardly resulted in a superb 1-1, before Rene Veldhuis, one of Cafe the Plaza's regulars, sampled the first new herring of the season.



After having pronounced the herring 'fatty and very tasty', his example of sliding the raw herring into his mouth saw quite a number of enthusiastic followers. And then it was time for the second half, which must be the most exciting in the history of soccer of the Netherlands.

The orange-clad crowd went wild when Holland scored time after time, demolishing the Spanish defense in a superior way. Nobody could have predicted the 5-1 end result. Hip, hip, hurray for Holland! And this was celebrated with a real Dutch treat: "herring" fresh from the North Sea. □

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Obama visits Sioux lands on a trip shadowed by Iraq

MARK LANDLER

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CANNON BALL, N.D. - Hours after adjourning a tense Oval Office meeting about the Iraq crisis, President Barack Obama found him-

Sioux and other tribes, encircled by American flags, created a pulsing swirl of color and noise as Obama and his wife, Michelle, nodded their heads in time to the music.

nation's Indian tribes. "There's no denying that for some Americans, the deck's been stacked against them, sometimes for generations, and that's been true of many Native

the Obamas met with high school students at a school on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation to hear about the pressures they face growing up here.

Tribal leaders praised Obama and presented him with a ceremonial blanket with an eight-point red, white and blue star.

"No other president comes close to the honesty and compassion he has shown for our tribal nations," said David Archambault II, one of the leaders.

It was a rare respite for a president lurching from crisis to crisis. Obama tried out a few words in the Lakota language and held children in his arms during the farewell ceremony.

But he also encountered pressure on a familiar front as some of the leaders and protesters urged him to reject the proposed Keystone XL pipeline and other oil-sand pipelines, which they say would devastate their land, water, climate and treaty rights.

"Keystone is a death warrant for our people," Bryan Brewer, a leader of the Oglala Sioux tribe, said in a statement. "President Obama must reject this pipeline and protect our sacred land and water."

Obama is the fourth sitting president to visit an Indian reservation, and the first to

make such a trip since Bill Clinton in 1999. As a candidate in 2008, Obama courted the votes of Indians and visited the Crow Nation in Montana, where he was given an Indian name, Black Eagle.

"This election is about Indian country," Obama declared at the time.

But this long-planned visit was shadowed by the deepening crisis in Iraq. Some commentators questioned why Obama had gone ahead with the four-day trip, which includes a getaway with Michelle Obama in Palm Springs, California, at a time when he is seriously weighing whether to return U.S. warplanes to combat in Iraq.

White House officials insisted the president could keep a close eye on the crisis from the road. They said he was in touch with his national security staff and could call foreign leaders or consult with members of Congress from North Dakota or California.

Obama did not bring along a senior national security adviser, as he did during a weekend in Key Largo, Florida, in the middle of the Ukraine crisis, when he was joined by his deputy national security adviser, Antony J. Blinken. This situation is different, a senior official said, because his advisers are busy drafting military options in Washington. □



President Barack Obama poses for photos with children from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe during a Flag Day ceremony in Cannon Ball, N.D., June 13, 2014.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

self on the ancestral lands of Chief Sitting Bull, taking part in a celebration to honor American Indians who have served in America's foreign wars.

On a windswept plain next to the Missouri River, dancers and drummers from the

In his first visit to an Indian reservation as president, Obama told the raucous crowd of 1,800 people that he had delivered on his promise as a presidential candidate in 2008 to improve relations between the government and the

Americans," the president said. "But if we're working together, we can make things better."

Obama announced a series of modest education initiatives to improve schools for Indian children. Before the flag ceremony,



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Army: Bergdahl 'looked good' after returning to US



Col. Bradley Poppen, left, answers a question during a news conference regarding Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, Friday, June 13, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Bergdahl, the Army sergeant who has been recovering in Germany after five years as a Taliban captive, returned to the United States early Friday to continue his medical treatment at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Joining Poppen are U.S. Army South Commander Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, center, and Col. Ronald Wool. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the moments after Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl arrived back in the United States

following five years of captivity by the Taliban, he was nervous but "looked good" and saluted a commanding officer who welcomed him home, military officials

said Friday. Bergdahl is working daily with health professionals to regain a sense of normalcy and move forward with his life, officials added.

Bergdahl's family has not joined him since he arrived at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in Texas after early Friday, and Army officials would not say when relatives might show up.

In a statement read at a news conference Friday, Bergdahl's parents said they "are overjoyed that their son has returned to the United States" but asked for privacy.

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. DiSalvo, who greeted Bergdahl upon his arrival from an Army medical facility in Germany, said he exchanged a few words with Bergdahl after a three-vehicle convoy met him.

"He appeared just like any sergeant would when they see a two-star general, a little bit nervous. But he looked good and saluted and had good deportment," DiSalvo said at the news conference, adding that Bergdahl was in stable condition.

Officials said there is no timeline for the final step in Bergdahl's reintegration process.

"We will proceed at his pace," said Col. Bradley Poppen, an Army psychologist. As far as Bergdahl's interaction with relatives, Poppen said a soldier typically determines when to reunite with his or her family. Poppen declined to release further details, citing the family's request for privacy. After the news conference, officials said they did not know if Bergdahl has spoken with his family. Military officials declined to give details on what Bergdahl might remember about his capture or what he knows about the public uproar surrounding his capture and release.

In the short time he has been back on U.S. soil, Bergdahl, who can walk on his own, has been on a bland diet and has shown a fondness for peanut butter, officials said. □

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Iraqi woman hurt in US: hate crime possible

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — An Iraqi Catholic refugee who was assaulted in her Albuquerque apartment appears to be the victim of a hate crime by an attacker who yelled obscenities about Muslims, police said.

According to Albuquerque police, a man last week forced his way into the home of Seham Jaber, shouting nasty remarks about Muslims and punched her in the head and stomach. Investigators said the intruder then tore up her family's citizenship papers in the June 5 attack.

"The irony is the individual thought the family was Muslim, and they're actually refugees from Iraq who are Catholic," Albuquerque police spokesman Simon Drobik said.

Jaber, who speaks Arabic, told police the unknown assailant stole at least \$20,000 in gold, which represented her family's life savings. The assailant also stole jewelry, she said.

"No house, no car. It was all in gold," Saad Sajet, Jaber's husband, told the Albuquerque Journal.

The suspect was described as wearing a mask, jeans and a yellow T-shirt.

No arrest has been made. Jaber, her husband and three sons came to Albuquerque in 2008 as refugees. The family fled Iraq to Syria shortly after the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003 after militants began to target the country's religious minorities, such as Christians, Yazidis, and Mandaeans.

Many of those religious minorities have fled to different parts of the world as refugees, including the U.S. □

Massachusetts Democrat winning over voters

KATHARINE Q. SEELYE
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BOSTON — It was a cringe-worthy moment for Massachusetts Democrats. Martha Coakley, who was running in 2010 for the Senate seat long held by Edward M. Kennedy, spoke dismissively of the campaign ritual of shaking hands with voters at their beloved Fenway Park. That moment came to epitomize all that critics said was wrong with her candidacy, and she went on to lose the race, turning over "Teddy's seat" to Scott P. Brown, a Republican.

This year, she is running for governor. And after her announcement tour in September, a chastened Coakley made a campaign stop at Fenway. She shook hands, chatted with fans and posed for photographs, hoping to signal that she would run a better campaign this time around.

On Saturday, she will face her first big political test since 2010, when 6,000 Democratic activists meet

at the state party convention in Worcester to endorse a candidate for governor.

Coakley, 60, the state's attorney general since 2007, holds a substantial lead in

indications are that despite her popularity with voters, Coakley will not win her party's endorsement and will be lucky to come in second. The endorsement will almost certainly go to

ation this way: Coakley leads among voters in part because she has the highest name recognition. And she lags among party activists because of their lingering concern from 2010



Martha Coakley, the leading Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts, speaks at a meet and greet in Salem, Mass., June 9, 2014. On Saturday, Coakley faces her first big political test since 2010, when 6,000 Democratic activists meet at the state party convention in Worcester to endorse a candidate for governor.

(Katherine Taylor/The New York Times)

polls of voters, running way ahead of her four rivals.

But in an unusual dynamic, she appears not to have won over party insiders. In-

Steve Grossman, 68, the state treasurer, who lags far behind her in the public opinion polls.

Analysts explain the situ-

that she will not be able to fire up the troops sufficiently to keep the governor's office in Democratic hands. □

Richard Rockefeller killed in New York plane crash

MARC SANTORA
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Dr. Richard Rockefeller, son of the billionaire and prominent philanthropist David Rockefeller, was killed Friday when the small plane he was piloting crashed shortly after takeoff, according to a spokesman for the family.

Rockefeller, 65, was the only person on board the plane, which the authorities identified as a Piper Meridian single-engine turboprop.

The cause of the crash was not immediately clear.

Rockefeller took off from Westchester County Airport

in New York at 8:08 a.m., departing from runway 16 into dense fog and steady rain. Less than 10 minutes into the flight, the Federal Aviation Administration notified airport officials that it could not reach the pilot. At 8:23 a.m., the local police reported that the plane had crashed less than a mile from the airport, near Cottage Avenue in the town of Harrison. It had smashed through several trees and narrowly missed an occupied house before hitting the ground and breaking into pieces, authorities said.

Rockefeller was flying

home after visiting his father, David, to celebrate his 99th birthday at the family's estate in Pocantico Hills, a hamlet in the town of Mount Pleasant.

David Rockefeller is the grandson of John D. Rockefeller, an accounting clerk who invested \$4,000 into an oil refinery business and went on to lead the Standard Oil Co.

He became one of the richest and most famous men in the world.

David Rockefeller is the oldest living member of the family whose name adorns countless university buildings, hospital wings, libraries

and museums across the country.

Fraser P. Seitel, the family spokesman, said that Richard Rockefeller was an experienced pilot and had flown in and out of the Westchester airport many times.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were dispatched to the scene of the crash to investigate.

"The family is in shock," Seitel said. "This is a terrible tragedy. Richard was a wonderful and cherished son, brother, husband, father and grandfather." □

Wisconsin judge puts same-sex marriages on hold

SCOTT BAUER

Associated Press

MADISON, Wisconsin (AP)

— A federal judge on Friday put same-sex marriages in Wisconsin on hold, a week after she struck down the state's same-sex marriage ban as unconstitutional, a move that allowed more than 500 couples to wed over the last eight days.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb's ruling Friday means that gay marriages will end while the appeal from Republican Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen is pending. Couples who were in the middle of the five-day waiting period to get a license, which most counties waived, are caught in limbo.

Gay rights activists have won 15 consecutive lower court cases since a landmark Supreme Court ruling last summer, with Wisconsin being the latest. Wisconsin is among 13 states with gay marriage cases pending before appeals courts.

Van Hollen requested Crabb put her ruling on hold, arguing that allowing the marriages while the underlying case was pending

created confusion about the legality of those marriages.

der the law, so it is understandable that they do not want to wait any longer,"

the law, called Crabb's decision to put her order on hold disappointing.



American Civil Liberties Union lawyer John Knight answers questions from reporters outside the U.S. courthouse in Madison, Wis., Friday, June 13, 2014. The federal judge who struck down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriage a week ago strongly suggested Friday she would put that ruling on hold, saying she likely would issue a clear order by the end of the day. U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb didn't immediately rule after the hearing, but hinted that she is likely to halt further marriages after a week in which more than 500 gay couples were married around Wisconsin.

(AP Photo/Wisconsin State Journal, M.P. King)

In her order, Crabb expressed mixed feelings.

"Same-sex couples have waited many years to receive equal treatment un-

Crabb said in her order. "However, a federal district court is required to follow the guidance provided by the Supreme Court."

John Knight, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which challenged

"But we will fight for a quick resolution on appeal and are confident that marriage will be a reality in Wisconsin very soon for lesbian and gay couples who have waited much too long already," he said in an email.

The ruling came exactly one week after Crabb declared the state's ban on gay marriage unconstitutional. But Crabb didn't issue any orders on how state officials were to implement her decision, and amid the uncertainty, nearly every Wisconsin county — 60 of 72 — issued licenses.

Crabb issued an order preventing clerks from denying same-sex couples marriage licenses, but then put that on hold as well as her earlier ruling striking down the law as unconstitutional. Van Hollen said he was "very pleased" with the ruling. "County clerks do not have authority under Wisconsin law to issue same-sex marriage licenses," he said in a statement. "Judge Crabb's stay makes this abundantly clear."

Van Hollen said he will appeal her ruling striking down the law to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court.

Allen Rasmussen, 46, and Keith Kitsebel, 49, who have been together for 14 years, asked the Portage County clerk nine times since Monday to get a marriage license.

"I think it's ridiculous," Kitsebel said after the ruling Friday.

Georgia:

Couple's killing leaves authorities baffled

KATE BRUMBACK

Associated Press

EATONTON, Georgia (AP)

— The unsolved beheading of an elderly U.S. retiree and the killing of his wife has so startled their gated, lakeside community that neighbors are reaching for even outlandish explanations. Was it a mob hit? A drug dealer? A hungry alligator?

In May, concerned friends found the headless body of Russell Dermond, 88, in the garage of his Georgia home. Shirley Dermond, 87, was originally thought to have been abducted until her body was found a few weeks later in the lake.

Russell Dermond's head has still not been found.

Law enforcement thinks the Dermonds likely knew the person or people who

attacked them, but their age, the beheading and the fact that it all happened in a seemingly secure community has left neighbors shaken, according to Putnam County Sheriff Howard Sills.

Despite interviewing hundreds of people and looking through reams of records, Sills has been frustrated by the lack of obvious motive and is hoping for a breakthrough. And for the first time in his four decades in law enforcement, he's asked the public to donate to a reward fund.

Sills says he can't even remember so much as a burglary in the Dermonds' community during his 18 years as sheriff.

"There are as many different theories as there are people in the county," said

Karen Bridgeman, the local newspaper's managing editor.

Some of the most common are that the Dermonds, originally from New Jersey, had organized crime ties and were victims of a mob hit or that their deaths are related to the killing of their oldest son in 2000 in a drug deal gone bad.

The most unusual tip authorities got was that it was likely a female alligator seeking food for her young, the sheriff said.

Sills is tired of all the theories and speculation. He has investigated the Dermonds' lives in depth and has determined there's no indication of any illegal activity or association with unsavory characters. There's no indication that anything was taken from the home.

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C. S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prices U.S. companies receive for their goods and services fell in May, offering evidence that inflation is mild.

The producer price index, which measures the cost of goods and services before they reach the consumer, dropped 0.2 percent last month, the Labor Department said Friday. The decline was driven lower by cheaper food and gas, and follows two months of strong gains that had sug-



John Pittenger tosses up a pizza dough at the Whole Foods Market in Woodmere Village, Ohio. The Labor Department released its May report on producer prices on Friday, June 13, 2014.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

year.

Wholesale food prices fell 0.2 percent after four months of steep increases. And wholesale gas prices dropped 0.9 percent, suggesting consumers may see some relief at the gas pump in coming months.

Another reason producer prices fell: retailer and wholesaler profit margins declined 0.5 percent after two months of strong gains. The drop in profit margins comes after robust increases in April and March. Retailer and wholesaler profit margins had fallen in the winter as companies rolled out discounts to lure shoppers through the doors during harsh winter storms.

Wholesale prices rose 0.6 percent in April and 0.5 percent in May. Some of those increases have been passed onto consumers. The consumer price index, the most widely followed inflation measure, rose 2 percent in April compared with 12 months earlier. That was the largest yearly increase since July. □

Justice Department says is preparing to sue Citigroup

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is finalizing a lawsuit against Citigroup over the bank's sale of residential mortgage-backed securities after negotiations to resolve the matter broke down.

Two people with direct knowledge of the matter said Friday that negotiations between the Justice Department and the bank over a multi-billion-dollar settlement fell apart earlier this week. They said a lawsuit from the federal government could be filed as early as next week. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to be quoted by name when discussing a complaint that has not yet been filed.

One of the people said Citigroup, the third-largest U.S. bank, offered to pay less than \$4 billion to settle the investigation, a sum substantially less than what the Justice Department is demanding.

Citigroup Inc. spokesman Mark Costiglio in New York declined to comment Friday.

The government has also pursued the country's other biggest banks for their conduct in sales of mortgage-backed securities in the

years preceding the 2008 financial crisis. The major banks sold securities that plunged in value when the housing market collapsed in 2006 and 2007.

Those losses triggered a financial crisis that pushed the economy into the worst recession since the 1930s.

JPMorgan Chase & Co., the biggest U.S. bank, last year agreed to pay \$13 billion in a similar investigation into toxic mortgage-backed securities.

The deal, the largest settlement between the U.S. government and a corporation, was reached after months of negotiations and could serve as a template for settlements with Citigroup and Bank of America Corp.

As part of the deal, which included settlements with New York, California and other states, JPMorgan agreed to provide \$4 billion in relief to homeowners affected by the bad loans. The bank also acknowledged that it misrepresented the quality of its securities to investors.

The Justice Department also sued Bank of America last August, accusing it of civil fraud in failing to disclose risks and misleading investors in its sale of \$850 million of mortgage-linked securities during 2008. □

gested inflation might be perking up after being dormant for two years.

In the past 12 months, producer prices have risen 2 percent, matching the Federal Reserve's inflation target. That's down from an annual gain of 2.1 percent in April.

"The underlying details of the report suggest that producer price inflation is still fairly contained despite

the big increases in the last few months," Omair Sharif, an economist at RBS Securities, said in a research note.

Excluding the volatile food, energy and profit margin categories, core producer prices were unchanged in May. The result comes after a 0.3 percent gain in each of the two preceding months. Core prices have risen 2 percent in the past

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Even Early Adopters See Major Flaws in the Cloud

DAVID STREITFELD

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SAN FRANCISCO - The CIA isn't afraid of the cloud.

Amazon, a relative baby in the field of technology services, triumphed over stalwart IBM to gain a \$600 million CIA contract, but the most remarkable part of the deal was that the agency was a cloud convert in the first place. The fact that a tech company could warehouse data involving the government's spies is the clearest signal yet that cloud computing is having its moment.

Somewhat like outsourcing a decade ago, cloud computing is the coming technology destined to sweep away all before it. Amazon Web Services is the fastest-growing part of Amazon, and analysts expect it someday to be the dominant part of the company. Google, IBM, Verizon, Microsoft and a host of smaller players are competing for a part of the action. Global spending on public cloud services alone is forecast to hit \$210 billion in 2016, up 172 percent from 2010.

And yet outsourcing provides a cautionary tale of how enthusiasm can be derailed by reality. Outsourcing advocates said every customer service call, every information technology fix, even the creation of routine legal documents was destined to be done in India or the

Philippines. They said this would be cheaper and more efficient. U.S. companies would be hollowed out, with only executives and their aides left on the payroll.

It didn't happen quite that way. While many companies outsourced routine tasks, some moved them back after complaints of poor service. Others never outsourced. Outsourcing was ultimately a segment of the market rather than becoming the market.

Cloud computing is al-

alliance survey, two-thirds of the members said concerns about data security were delaying their move to the cloud. That was down from the 80 percent of respondents who expressed a concern about security the previous year. Other results, however, are headed away from cloud computing. Fifty-six percent of members now say regulatory issues will limit their adoption, up from 47 percent. And 47 percent worry about being tied to one vendor, up from 39

call it immature, but it's definitely Version 1."

"Immature" is exactly what Roman Stanek would call it. Stanek founded GoodData in 2007 with the mission of disrupting business intelligence. Amazon Web Services had just launched, and GoodData became a client. It was not an entirely happy experience, Stanek said.

"Imagine if your electric company didn't know whether it would be up or down - if they told you, 'No guarantees, but we be-

winter there might be two weeks where the doors won't unlock until the sun melts the ice in the door locks. Ready to buy?"

GoodData grew with Amazon. It has raised more than \$75 million and has nearly 300 employees. But in the first quarter, the company left Amazon. It moved to a private cloud hosted by Rackspace, which is based near San Antonio. With Rackspace, it had more control.

The only thing worse than a company offering unreliable service appears to be a company whose very existence is in doubt. Nirvanix was a cloud company based in San Diego with impressive backers, including Intel Capital and Khosla Ventures, and impressive hype. It was going to take on the big boys, Amazon Web Services and Google. Last Sept. 16, Nirvanix warned customers they had two weeks to retrieve their data. On Oct. 1, it filed for bankruptcy. Apparently all customers got their data out, but it was a near miss. Then last month Rackspace, whose stock dropped by half since the beginning of 2013, said it was hiring Morgan Stanley to advise it on a possible sale or merger. While profitable, Rackspace faces increasing competition.

Companies that fail or are sold would matter less if data were more portable. "It's still difficult to tap into Rackspace and change your mind, or tap into AWS and change to something else," said James Staten, an analyst with Forrester Research. "We're a long way from sufficient standards where that's a possibility."

Staten said the last companies to go to the cloud would be those that had no experience with it - hospitals, medical device makers, and architecture and construction companies.

"The reason they should go last is they don't yet know what they don't know," he said. "They'll start with applications that do not involve compliant data or customer data." □



Early adoption of cloud computing has been slowed by service disruptions, security concerns and regulatory issues.

(Andy Rash/The New York Times)

ready confronting similar issues.

Members of the Open Data Center Alliance, a consortium of global IT companies like Infosys, Disney, Deutsche Telekom and SAP, are cloud enthusiasts. But in a recent

percent.

Cloud computing "is kind of in the first wave," said Michael Masterson, director of cloud solutions for Compuware, which helps clients improve the performance of their applications. "I don't know if I'd

lieve it will be mostly up," he said. "Maybe that works for some clients."

Amazon Web Services had well-publicized failures in October 2012 and two months later. But reliability is not a problem specific to Amazon. Masterson pointed out that Hewlett-Packard, which publishes its service agreements on the Web, says it has 99.95 percent availability, which works out to about four hours of trouble a year. The service agreement also says a failure only counts if it lasts for more than six minutes.

"Imagine a company selling a premium new car whose warranty includes 2M piston revolutions, 10k door latch cycles, and 20k window open and closes," Masterson wrote in a recent blog post. "And even then, with 99.5 percent availability, you might still be unable to start the car two days a year, or during

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Shiite cleric urges Iraqis to defend country amid chaos



Iraqi Shiite tribal fighters deploy with their weapons while chanting slogans against the al-Qaida inspired Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), to help the military, which defends the capital in Baghdad's Sadr City, Iraq, Friday, June 13, 2014. The tribal leaders met in Sadr city on Friday and declared their readiness along with their tribesmen to take up arms against the al-Qaida inspired group that has made advances in Iraq's Sunni heartland.

**SAMEER N. YACIOUB
ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press**

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's Shiite clerical leadership Friday called on all Iraqis to defend their country from Sunni militants who have seized large swaths of territory, and a U.N. official expressed "extreme alarm" at reprisal killings in the offensive, citing reports of hundreds of dead and wounded.

U.S. President Barack Obama said he is weighing options for countering the insurgency, but warned Iraqi leaders that he would not take military action unless they moved to address the country's political divisions. Fighters from the al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant made fresh gains, driving government forces at least temporarily from two towns in an ethnically mixed province northeast of Baghdad. The assault threatens to embroil Iraq more deeply in a wider regional conflict feeding off the chaos caused by the civil war in neighboring Syria. The fast-moving rebellion, which also draws support from former Saddam Hussein-era figures and other disaffected Sunnis, has emerged as the biggest threat to Iraq's stability since the U.S. withdrawal in 2011. It has pushed the na-

tion closer to a precipice that could partition it into Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish zones. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, whose Shiite-led government is struggling to form a coherent response to the crisis, traveled to the city of Samarra to meet with military commanders late Friday, according to state TV.

Militants earlier in the week overran military bases and several communities including the second-largest city of Mosul and Saddam's hometown of Tikrit. Samarra, the site of a prominent Shiite shrine 60 miles (95 kilometers) north of Baghdad, sits between Tikrit and the capital.

A representative for Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most revered Shiite spiritual leader in Iraq, told worshippers at Friday prayers that it was their civic duty to confront the threat.

"Citizens who can carry weapons and fight the terrorists in defense of their country, its people and its holy sites should volunteer and join the security forces," said Sheik Abdul-Mahdi al-Karbalaie, whose comments are thought to reflect al-Sistani's thinking. He warned that Iraq faced "great danger," and that fighting the militants "is everybody's responsibility, and is not limited to one specific sect or group."

(AP Photo/ Karim Kadim)

In Geneva, U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay warned of "murder of all kinds" and other war crimes in Iraq, and said the number killed in recent

days may run into the hundreds, while the wounded could approach 1,000.

Pillay said her office has received reports that militants rounded up and killed Iraqi army soldiers as well as 17 civilians in a single street in Mosul.

Her office heard of "summary executions and extrajudicial killings" as ISIL militants overran Iraqi cities and towns this week, the statement said. "I am extremely concerned about the acute vulnerability of civilians caught in the cross-fire, or targeted in direct attacks by armed groups, or trapped in areas under the control of ISIL and their allies," Pillay said. "And I am especially concerned about the risk to vulnerable groups, minorities, women and children."

Obama did not specify what options he was considering, but he ruled out sending American troops back into combat in Iraq.

"We're not going to allow ourselves to be dragged

back into a situation in which, while we're there we're keeping a lid on things, and after enormous sacrifices by us, after we're not there, people start acting in ways that are not conducive to the long-term stability and prosperity of the country," Obama said on the South Lawn of the White House.

Administration officials said Obama is weighing airstrikes using drones or manned aircraft. Other short-term options include an increase in surveillance and intelligence-gathering. The U.S. also is likely to increase aid to Iraq, including funding, training and both lethal and non-lethal equipment.

Al-Maliki and other Iraqi leaders have pleaded with Washington for more than a year for additional help to combat the growing insurgency. Neighboring Shiite powerhouse Iran signaled its willingness to confront the growing threat from the militant blitz. □



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Ukrainian troops drive rebels out of Mariupol

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 MARIUPOL, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian troops and pro-Russia separatists clashed Friday in a southern port town, as the United States confirmed earlier reports that a convoy of armored vehicles including three T-64 Russian tanks moved into Ukraine from Russia and now are in the hands of the rebels.

About 100 soldiers emerged triumphant from the previously rebel-occupied buildings in Mariupol, shouting the name of their battalion, Azov, and singing the Ukrainian national anthem. They also destroyed an armored vehicle and a heavy truck used by the separatists, leaving the vehicles scorched and riddled with large-caliber bullet holes.

Mariupol is the second-largest city in the eastern Donetsk region, where armed separatists have declared independence from the government in Kiev. The Azov Sea port sits along the main road



Ukrainian troops from battalion Azov escort to a bus, men detained at a site of battle with pro-Russian fighters in Mariupol, eastern Ukraine, Friday, June 13, 2014. Ukrainian troops attacked pro-Russia separatists Friday in the southern port of Mariupol, apparently driving them out of buildings they had occupied in the city. About 100 soldiers emerged triumphant from the previously rebel-occupied buildings, shouting the name of their battalion, Azov, and singing the Ukrainian national anthem.

leading from Russia to the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March from Ukraine.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said four government

troops were wounded in what he called a successful operation. Witnesses said they saw troops capture at least four separatist fighters. There was no im-

(AP Photo/Osman Karimov)

mediate word of casualties on the rebel side, and As-

sociated Press journalists at the site were blocked from entering the buildings.

Ukraine and the West have accused Moscow of fomenting the unrest in eastern Ukraine and supporting the separatist fighters. Russia, however, has denied sending troops or weapons to Ukraine and has described the Russian citizens fighting with the separatists as volunteers.

The renewed fighting Friday came as State Department officials in Washington confirmed Russia had sent tanks and rocket launchers to the rebels.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said the U.S. had information that Russia has accumulated tanks of a type no longer used by its own forces at a site in southwest Russia, and some had recently left that spot. Internet videos later showed tanks of the same make moving through several cities in eastern Ukraine.

UK sexual violence summit finishes on a hopeful note

SYLVIA HUI
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A conference focusing on rape in conflict zones ended on an upbeat note Friday, with hundreds of participants from Somalia to Kosovo encouraged by an outpouring of international support. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told participants it was time to "banish sexual violence to the dark ages and the history books."

"We will not tolerate rape as a tactic of war and intimidation," he said.

Activists, diplomats and rape survivors left the four-day London summit, co-hosted by actress Angelina Jolie and British Foreign Secretary William Hague, believing they had made progress in better prosecuting offenders and protecting victims — especially those in developing countries and conflict regions.

Organizers said 155 countries signed a declaration of commitment to end sexual violence in conflict and many, including the U.S.

and Britain, pledged funds to support the cause.

Deeq Mohamed, a Somali delegate, said he came away encouraged by the global support, although he knew there was no easy answer to the scourge of sex crimes in war zones.

"You see all the people around the world here and you realize you're not alone anymore," he said. "Everybody is making their little difference, and that can make a big change." Jolie, a U.N. special envoy, arrived Friday with partner Brad Pitt.

"I believe that one of the outcomes of this summit is that this subject is now firmly on the top table of international diplomacy," the actress said. "And we will work to ensure that it stays there."

Kerry's keynote speech Friday ended with a rousing recital of Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise." He said Angelou, who recently died, was a rape victim herself who chose to speak out and inspire others.



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Israel scours West Bank for teens feared abducted

IAN DEITCH

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers searched the West Bank on Friday for three missing teenagers from nearby settlements, one of them a U.S. citizen, feared kidnapped by Palestinian militants, authorities said.

Authorities offered little detail, with local media only reporting the hitchhiking teenagers left their Yeshiva, or religious seminary, on Thursday night and had not been seen since. Soldiers near Hebron combed the rocky hills of the West Bank searching for them Friday.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the disappearances, which comes after the formation of a Palestinian unity government following the collapse of U.S.-brokered peace talks.

Two Israeli defense officials said authorities be-

lieved the teens likely were kidnapped by Palestinian militants, without elaborating. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not allowed to brief journalists.

"The main mission is to ensure their return," said Brig. Gen. Motti Almoz, a military spokesman.

Tsuri Tsuf, a spokesman for a settlement where one of the teens is from, told Israel's Channel 10 television that his community was "greatly worried" and gathered to pray for the safety of the youths. Authorities found a burned-out car during their search that investigators were examining.

Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency initially imposed a gag order Friday morning blocking local media from reporting on the incident. Later, an official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press that one of the teens was an

American and that Israeli authorities notified U.S. Ambassador Dan Shapiro. The official spoke on con-

dition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to publicly brief journalists. The three teens are from settlements in the West

Bank, territory Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and that Palestinians are demand-

ing as part of their future state along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. If Palestinians abducted the teens, it would be

the first serious incident to challenge relations with Israel since the formation of a Palestinian unity gov-



A burnt car which is reportedly connected to the disappearance of three teenagers is taken away near the West Bank city of Hebron, Friday, June 13, 2014. Israeli soldiers searched the West Bank on Friday for three missing teenagers from nearby settlements, one of them a U.S. citizen, amid fears Palestinian militants abducted them, authorities said. (AP Photo/Nasser Shiyukhi)

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China says it won't send navy to confront Vietnam

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN

Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China said Friday that it was exercising "maximum restraint" in its ongoing confrontation with Vietnam over a Chinese oil rig deployed in disputed waters and won't send its navy to the area.

Chinese ships have been rammed more than 1,500 times by Vietnamese vessels since the dispute began more than a month ago, Foreign Ministry official Yi Xianliang told reporters. Vietnam accuses Chinese ships of doing the ramming. China currently has 71 vessels on station to enforce a security cordon around the rig, including 32 coast guard vessels, Yi said. But he said there were no plans to send warships to the area. "This is a minimal response. We have exercised maximum restraint," said Yi, the ministry's deputy director general of its Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs. Yi said the ships were there merely to protect the rig and that

Vietnam was the aggressor. However, he said the Chinese vessels must take defensive action against Vietnamese ships that attempt to break through the security cordon. Vietnam has accused China of smashing into its vessels and sinking one.

China sent the rig into the disputed waters on May 1, leading to confrontations with Vietnamese ships, complaints from Hanoi and street protests that turned into bloody anti-Chinese riots. Hundreds of factories were damaged, and China said four of its citizens were "brutally killed" and more than 300 injured.

The oil platform is located about 32 kilometers (20 miles) from the China-controlled Paracel Islands, which Vietnam claims, and 278 kilometers (173 miles) from the coast of Vietnam. Both Vietnam and China have taken the dispute to the United Nations, circulating rival documents among the U.N. General Assembly's 193 member states.

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Nasty campaign done, Colombia vote hinges on peace

FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The man who hopes to unseat Juan Manuel Santos as president was seething.

"It's not possible to respect you. You don't have the stature," said Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, close enough to land a punch and looking as if he wanted to, as he confronted Santos in the final televised debate ahead of Sunday's election.

"Calm down. Calm down," urged Santos, palms up at his lectern.

Colombia's nastiest presidential campaign in years has focused largely on a single issue: Santos' prescription for ending the nation's half-century-old guerrilla conflict.

The patrician, U.S.-educated incumbent says peace is near after 18 months of slow-going talks in Cuba that he had hoped to wrap up months ago. Zuluaga, a former finance minister who never misses a chance to remind voters of his small-town roots, accuses Santos of selling the country out to an insurgency that is already on the ropes.

The hand-picked candidate of former President Alvaro Uribe, who remains a powerful political player, Zuluaga won the most votes among the five candidates in the election's first round on May 25.

Zuluaga has set what appear to be impossible conditions for continued peace talks if he wins: The

rebels must halt all military activity, and some would essentially have to agree to jail time.

With Colombia's enduring conflict claiming more than 200,000 lives and stunting an industrious nation's economic growth, outsiders might think the peacemaker would have an edge.

But this is Colombia, where "peace is a strange land," says political analyst Leon Valencia, a former Nation-

gress. Santos denies he would let war criminals to go unpunished.

The irony is that Santos, first as Uribe's defense minister and then in his initial two years as president, wielded an increasingly effective U.S.-backed military to badly weaken the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, killing the band's top leaders and flattening jungle camps with precision airstrikes.

The only Colombian who

served as finance minister. Valencia says Zuluaga's supporters don't care. For them, he says, they "like that he is a puppet and not someone who is going to betray Uribe like Santos did."

This past week, Santos won important endorsements and may have regained some momentum. He got the backing of 80 top business leaders and announced exploratory talks with the National Libera-

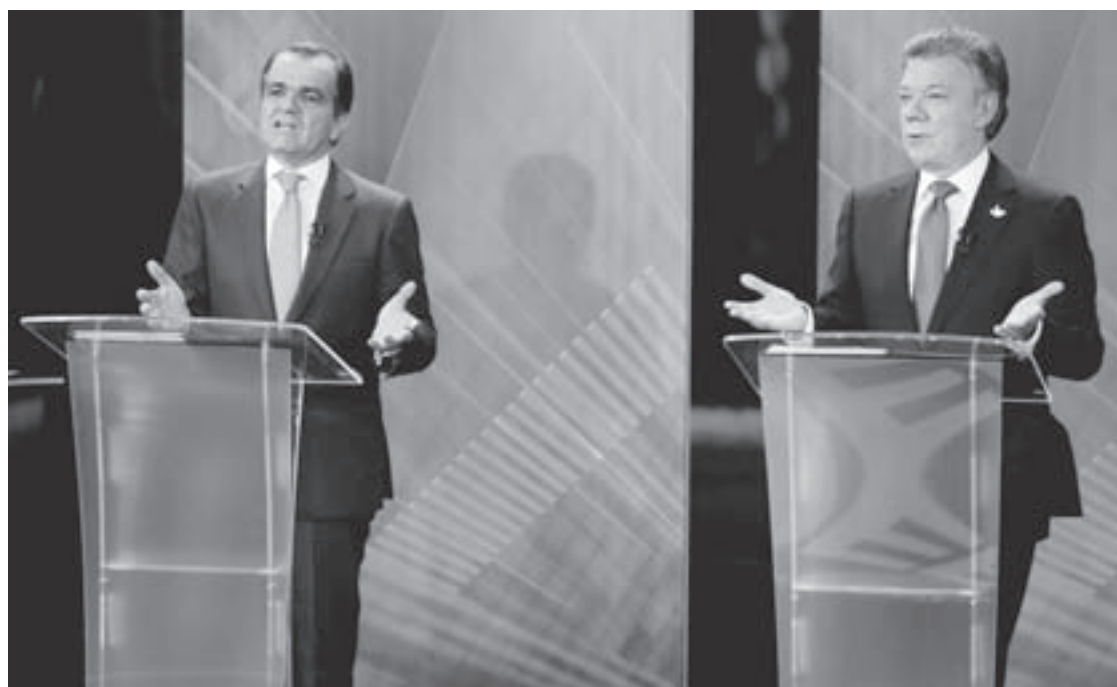
known by his nom-de-guerre Alfonso Cano.

"This war isn't good for us," said Roberto Saenz, a Bogota city councilman.

Santos is opposed by Colombia's cattle ranchers and palm oil plantation owners, beneficiaries of a deal Uribe made with far-right paramilitaries that dismantled their militias. Large landholders had by then consolidated control over territory that the militias had largely rid of rebels while driving at least 3 million poor Colombians off the lands. They dislike Santos' peace pact because it would facilitate the return of stolen lands.

One problem for Santos is that the FARC talks have slogged on. The sides have reached framework agreements on agrarian reform, the dismantling of the illegal drug trade and rebel political participation. But analysts including Michael Shifter, president of the Inter-American Dialogue think tank, say Santos could have done better at communicating the gains and building public support. The peace process also "ranks low on most Colombians' lists of priorities," Shifter noted. A Gallup poll early this month found less than 5 percent of respondents to believe the FARC will be the next president's main problem. Spreading the benefits of a growing economy is more important to many Colombians. Economic growth averaged 4.5 percent annually during Santos' four years and 2.5 million jobs were added, Finance Minister Mauricio Cardenas says, but analysts say the president has done little to improve education, health care and infrastructure.

As for Colombia's conflict, supporters of Uribe want a decisive strongman to finish the job of decimating the FARC, even if his presidency also was marred by scandals — including extra-judicial killings of innocent farmers to boost military body counts, illegal spying on judges and journalists and funneling of agricultural subsidies to well-heeled ranchers.□



President Juan Manuel Santos, right, who is seeking a second four-year term as candidate for the Social Party of National Unity, and Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, left, candidate for the Democratic Center, gesture during a televised presidential debate in Bogotá, Colombia. Colombia will hold presidential runoff elections on June 15. (AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

al Liberation Army rebel who put down arms two decades ago.

The very prospect of a peace accord has divided the country in half, with most opinion polls calling the race a dead heat.

Uribe and Zuluaga say the peace Santos is negotiating would mean "terrorist murderers" entering Con-

can take as much credit is Uribe himself, who took Santos' peace talks as a personal affront and has been wielding Twitter like a Gatling gun against his former defense chief.

Zuluaga's foes say he is nothing more than a puppet of Uribe, who was elected to the Senate in March and for whom he

tion Army, Colombia's No. 2 rebel band. The United States and European Union already back his negotiations with the FARC.

On Friday, the brother the FARC commander whose 2011 killing was ordered by Santos publicly endorsed the president and forgave him for the death of Guillermo Leon Saenz, better

Paraguay sees long fight against guerrillas

PEDRO SERVIN
Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

— Paraguay's defense minister said Friday it will take a long fight to defeat a guerrilla group operating in the country's north.

Officials accuse the small, left-wing Paraguayan People's Army of carrying out killings, kidnappings, bank robberies and attacks on police. Defense Minister Bernardino Soto told local radio on Friday that

President Horacio Cartes and his administration are "concerned but not desperate" about the guerrillas' actions.

"The only way to combat the group is by keeping a strong presence" in the northern regions where they operate and seeking help from the local population, Soto said.

Paraguay's Gen. Alfredo Stroessner fought and ultimately defeated two guerrilla groups for more than

30 years during his 1954-1989 dictatorship. Dealing with the Paraguayan People's Army may prove as tough a challenge, said political analyst Alfredo Boccia.

Even "if it's just about 40 people in the group ... the number of people living in poor areas where they operate or who sympathize with them is much greater. So, it's hard to catch them," Boccia said. "They're doing what the

Vietnamese did against the United States forces in the 70s: by daytime they're farmers, but at nighttime they become guerrillas."

The rebels have been holding hostage 16-year-old Arlan Fick since April 2. They have refused to release him even after receiving a \$500,000 ransom. The guerrilla group's victims include 22 civilians, 12 police officers and three members of the military since 2008.□



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Rib Chop, with Melon and Papaya Relish, Arugula, Parmesan Reggiano and Cracked Pepper, paired with Wente Vineyard Riva Ranch Chardonnay Arroyo Seco Monterey California.

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Grilled Denver Ribs, Niman Ranch Lamb with Tomato Grapefruit Marmalade, Aged Sweet Balsamic, and

Aruban Micro Basil, paired with Edmeades Zinfandel Mendocino County California. Curry Clam Chow-



der, made with Little Neck Clams, Mirepoix, Potatoes, Bell Peppers, Clam Volute, Basil-infused Extra Virgin Olive Oil, paired with Wente Vineyards Riesling Riverbank Arroyo Seco Monterey California.

The crowd also appreciated the Certified Angus Beef ® brand Porterhouse, Served with Butterflied Shrimp, Woodford Reserve Bourbon, Caramelized Shallots, Veal Demi-Glace, paired with Kendall-Jackson Pinot Noir Vintner's Reserve, and the Certified Angus Beef ® brand Tom-

ahawk Steak served with Garlic-Herb Compound Butter, drizzled with 25-year aged Balsamic paired with Murphy-Goode Cabernet Sauvignon California. Chef Moore delighted his audience with stories about his childhood watching his grandmothers on both sides, created excellent dishes in their kitchen, watching cooking shows from an early age and working in the kitchen full time since the age of 14. He also shared his fondness for agriculture, working his 10-acre farm in Taylorsville, KY where he harvests vegetables Summer through Fall and serves them at Volare.

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In this Jan. 25, 2014 file photo, Patrick Dempsey laughs with other drivers in the Fanzone area during an autograph session prior to the start of the IMSA Series Rolex 24 hour auto race at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.
Associated Press

McDreamy part of all-American team at Le Mans

DAN GELSTON
AP Sports Writer

Patrick Dempsey has long proved his love of racing was no act.

He put starring in big-budget blockbusters on hold for now, riding the hope that his next boffo weekend smash is a podium finish in the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Dempsey's love affair with sports-car racing was always more than a frivolous dalliance. He's as dedicated on the track as he is on the set, and placed his sights — from the eyes of one of People magazine's sexiest men alive — on contending in the most prestigious road race on the sports car circuit.

His team came so close last year to earning that coveted spot on the podium. Dempsey and teammate Patrick Long led the overnight portion of the race before settling for a fourth-place finish in their class.

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Netherlands routs defending Cup champion

Netherlands' Robin van Persie celebrates with teammate Arjen Robben, right, after his scoring his side's fourth goal during the second half of the group B World Cup soccer match between Spain and the Netherlands at the Arena Ponte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Friday, June 13, 2014.

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RICHARD EATON
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BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Former world No. 1 Ana Ivanovic, who admits to a dislike of competing on grass, moved within one win of her first final on the surface with her third confident victory in a row at the Aegon Classic on Friday. The top-seeded Serbian beat the sixth-seeded Czech, Klara Koukalova, 6-1, 6-4 to reach the semi-finals of the Wimbledon warm-up event. Ivanovic has described playing on grass as "like being stuck to the ground all of a sudden," but there was little wrong with her movement nor any evident lack of self-belief as she forcefully completed her win in 72 minutes. There was a 20-minute phase in the second set when Koukalova, who has a grass-court title to her name, seemed capable of regaining parity and held service up until 4-3.



But Ivanovic boldly attacked off the ground to break serve in the psychologically crucial moments of the ninth game, and

closed out the match without fuss. "It's a tough transition, not only in the body and the movement, but also in the

mindset," Ivanovic said of her improved grass-court showing. She was even now able to believe she could win the

tournament. "I have more confidence. It's about rhythm and getting ready for the next match. Now I have the flow," she said. Ivanovic will meet surprise semifinalist Zhang Shuai, the ninth-seeded Chinese player who patiently took advantage of an error-prone, self-critical Sloane Stephens, the third-seeded American, to win 6-3, 6-1. There will not be a fairytale finalist in the bottom half. Kimiko Date-Krumm, the 43-year-old Japanese who ousted defending champion Daniela Hantuchova on Thursday, was unable to emerge fresh for a fourth consecutive day, lasting only three-quarters of an hour in a 6-1, 6-0 loss to 16th-seeded Casey Dellacqua of Australia. In the remaining quarter-final, Barbora Zlahavova Strycova of the Czech Republic defeated fourth-seeded Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium 6-4, 6-2. □





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Martin Kaymer sets U.S. Open record at Pinehurst

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AP Golf Writer

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Martin Kaymer set a U.S. Open record Friday with a game so dominant that he did more than just build a six-shot lead.

He managed to bring Tiger Woods into the conversation at a major he's not even playing.

Kaymer opened with a short birdie and rolled his way to a second straight round of 5-under 65 — this one without a bogey. He set the 36-hole scoring record at 10-under 130 and left the rest of the field wondering if the 29-year-old German was playing a different course, or even a different tournament.

"If he does it for two more days, then we're all playing for second spot," said Adam Scott, the world's No. 1 player.

Such talk once was reserved for Woods, still home recovering from back surgery.

Kaymer played early on a Pinehurst No. 2 course that received a burst of showers overnight. That red 10 on the leaderboard next to his name was a daunting sight the rest of the day.

He led by eight shots when he finished, and only three players in the afternoon cut into that deficit.

"I heard he played the No. 3 course. Is that true?" Kevin Na said after a 69 put him seven shots behind. "It's unbelievable what he's done. Is 4 or 5 under out there? Yes. Ten under out there? No, I don't think so. I guess it was out there for him. I watched some of the shots he hit and some of the putts he's made and he looks flawless."

Brendon Todd kept this from really getting out of hand. He made two tough pars from the bunker late in his round for a bogey-free 67 to get within six shots, putting him in the final group on the weekend in his first major.

"Kaymer's performance has been incredible," Todd said. "He's playing a brand of golf that we haven't seen probably in a long time, since maybe Tiger."

Kaymer tied the record for the largest 36-hole lead at the U.S. Open, first set by Woods at Pebble Beach in 2000 and matched by Rory McIlroy at rain-softened Congressional in 2011.

Woods went on to win by 15 shots. McIlroy set the 72-hole scoring record and won by eight.

"I played Congressional and I thought, 'How can you shoot that low?'" Kaymer said. "And that's probably what a lot of other people think about me right now."

McIlroy thought the German's feat was more impressive, mainly because of the nature of Pinehurst No. 2 and the turtleback greens created by Donald Ross. Yes, they were softer than expected and held quality shots. But there is trouble lurking around every corner. Kaymer just hasn't found it — yet.

"If someone had told me that I was going to be standing here 1-under par after 36 holes at the start of the week, I would have taken it," McIlroy said after his 68 left him nine shots behind. "But what Martin has done over the first couple of days has made 1-under par look pretty average." As impressed as everyone

was, none was ready to concede just yet.

Pinehurst No. 2 has not played close to its full length of 7,562 on the scorecard, and it has not been nearly as fast as it had been during the three days of practice. And strange things can happen at a U.S. Open.

Even so, they all needed some help from Kaymer, who last month won The Players Championship.

"I never played on tour when Tiger was doing this — leading by six, seven, eight shots," said 20-year-old Jordan Spieth, who had a 70 and was nine shots back.



Martin Kaymer, of Germany, putts on the second hole during the second round of the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., Friday, June 13, 2014.

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Netherlands thrashes Spain 5-1 in World Cup opener

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SALVADOR, Brazil (AP) — Louis van Gaal, one of the game's greatest coaches, was criticized before the World Cup for being too defensive for a nation that loves attacking play.

His decision to field five defenders against Spain though, proved a master-stroke.

His team thrashed the defending world champions 5-1 Friday with a clinical display of counterattacking football that had Spain chasing shadows at the end as Dutch fans roared "Ole!" each time their team passed the ball.

"If you see how he prepared us, and how he predicted the game would go, and you see how it went — unbelievable," said Robin van Persie whose stunning header to equalize just before half time turned the tide of the match and lit up social media accounts around the world. "It went exactly as the entire technical staff predicted."

It was Spain's worst loss in the tournament since a 6-1 defeat to Brazil in 1950.

In the day's other matches, Chile beat Australia 3-1, leaving Spain at the bottom of Group B. In Group A, Mexico edged Cameroon 1-0 on a 61st-minute goal by Oribe Peralta to take



Netherlands' Arjen Robben kicks the ball past Spain's Sergio Ramos to score his side's second goal during the second half of the group B World Cup soccer match between Spain and the Netherlands at the Arena Ponte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, Friday, June 13, 2014.

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second spot behind Brazil. But it was the Dutch performance that shocked even casual fans on the second day of World Cup, showing why Manchester United was so keen to sign Van Gaal to rebuild the storied club.

He starts work at Old Trafford when the Netherlands leave Brazil. If they keep playing this way, he could keep Manchester fans waiting until mid-July.

The 62-year-old Dutchman has a history of getting

the best out of teams and blending youth with experience, taking Ajax to the Champions League title in 1995.

He is bidding to make the Netherlands world champions for the first time after losing three finals — including four years ago when Andres Iniesta's extra-time goal won it for Spain.

It wasn't shocking for the Dutch to get revenge for that loss, but the way they demolished Spain — the dominant world football

power since 2008 — sent a signal that the run of this generation of Spanish stars may be coming to an end. Spain, which won the last two European Championships and the 2010 World Cup, will probably have to beat Chile and Australia to qualify for the next round, where a likely date with favorite Brazil awaits.

"They were better than us in the second half, you have to recognize that," Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque said. "It's a delicate

moment for us. We need to find solutions now."

Spain showed flashes of its slick-passing, ball-control, "tiki-taka" style, but never recovered from Van Persie's masterful goal.

"The equalizer was very crucial at that point," Netherlands midfielder Jonathan de Guzman said. "I think we took advantage of that."

In the second half, Spain's usually rock solid defense crumbled in the face of wave after wave of Dutch attacks, many starting off of long passes from defenders.

Veteran goalie Iker Casillas shouldered the blame.

"It wasn't one of my best games, I wasn't at the level I needed to be," he said. "I have to accept all criticism."

Van Gaal always insisted his five-man defense wasn't as negative as it sounded, and he was proved right.

Left back Daley Blind surged forward to provide two pin-point accurate passes for assists — Van Persie's header and Arjen Robben's first goal. Center back Stefan de Vrij, who caused the penalty that gave Spain the lead, cropped up at the other end of the pitch to push in Wesley Sneijder's free kick for de Vrij's first international score.

Boston, LA, SFC and DC in running for 2024 Games

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An American bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics would come from Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco or Washington if the U.S. Olympic Committee decides to put a city in the running.

A USOC process that began 16 months ago by sending letters to leaders in 35 cities is now at four finalists after Dallas and San Diego were scratched from the list of possible bidders. Los Angeles hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics. Boston, San Francisco and Washington would be first-time hosts.

"Boston, LA, San Francis-

co and Washington have each given us reason to believe they can deliver a compelling and successful bid, and we look forward to continuing to explore the possibilities as we consider 2024," USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said.

But there's an arduous and expensive process facing any potential bid city before the International Olympic Committee awards the Games in 2017.

Over the next six months, the USOC will decide whether it even wants to try to host the Olympics. The last two U.S. candidates both suffered humiliating fourth-place finishes: New York for the 2012 Olympics

and Chicago for the 2016 Games that went to Rio de Janeiro

Unlike the public, and sometimes embarrassing, domestic bid process for the 2016 Games, the USOC kept a tight lid on the group of cities under consideration in order to have more candid conversations and save money.

Still, some cities didn't make the cut. San Diego was always a long shot because of its smaller size. Dallas got in the game early but weather issues and some lingering bad memories of America's last foray into a Southern city — Atlanta — put roadblocks in front of

that bid.

"Dallas had a great bid and matching leadership, along with a well-established sporting community," USOC chairman Larry Probst said. "We have no doubt about the ability of Dallas to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and look forward to working with them in the future to enhance the international awareness of the city."

If the USOC goes ahead with the bid, the U.S. city chosen would find itself in a competitive fight. Paris, Rome, Doha and Istanbul are among those that could enter the race. The IOC has also long stated a desire to bring the Olympics

to Africa for the first time.

Some inside the USOC feel the time is right for a bid, now that the federation has made progress in shoring up some of its international relationships, which were frayed in 2009 when Chicago finished last in the voting for the 2016 Games. The USOC is waiting to see what sort of changes the IOC might make in the bidding process when it meets later this year.

New IOC president Thomas Bach is asking the committee to build a new roadmap for the Olympics, and the way the IOC handles bids is expected to be on that agenda.

Spurs take 3-1 lead with 107-86 victory over Heat

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MIAMI (AP) — San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich called Game 3 of the NBA Finals an anomaly.

He couldn't use the same word to describe Game 4. It was a repeat show of dominance, one that put the Spurs one win away from ending the Miami Heat's reign as NBA champions.

Kawhi Leonard scored 20 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, Tim Duncan set a pair of playoff records and the Spurs controlled play throughout on the way to a 107-86 win over the Heat in Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Thursday.

San Antonio leads the series 3-1, and can capture its fifth NBA championship by winning at home on Sunday. "They're playing beautiful basketball," Miami's Chris Bosh said.

"We're playing Spurs basketball," San Antonio's Tony Parker said.

Different sentences, same meaning. The Spurs' game is the beautiful one right now, and the way they came into Miami and frustrated the Heat, not once but twice, was simply remarkable.

"Now we've got to go back home and play as well — or better," Popovich said.

Hard to imagine them playing much better.

In Game 3, the Spurs' biggest lead was 25, while Miami never led by more than two.

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gest lead was 25, while Miami never led by more than two.

Eerie and telling, all at the same time. "No," Duncan said, "we didn't plan on that." The similarities didn't end there. San Antonio shot 59 percent from the field in Game 3, and 57 percent in Game 4. The Spurs were 9 for 20 from 3-point range in Game 3; 9 for 21 from beyond the arc in Game 4. They led by 21 at halftime of Game 3; they led by 19 at halftime of Game 4.

Add it all up, and the only numbers that matter are the win totals: Spurs 3, Heat 1, and Miami is well aware that's a deficit no team has ever overcome in NBA Finals history — in 31 previous tries.

We put ourselves in a position where it is about making history," said Miami's LeBron James, who led the Heat with 28 points. "But all we can do is worry about Game 5. We've got to worry about Sunday first. Try to go up there in a hostile environment, where we were able to steal one in Game 2, and try to get another one and go on from there. Obviously, I do know the numbers. It's never been done before, but we're still a confident bunch."

James was his typically brilliant self, making 10 of 17 shots and added eight rebounds. But Dwyane Wade struggled, shooting 3-for-13 and scoring only 10 points. Bosh scored 12 and one of the few offensive highlights for Miami came after most of the 19,900 people in the

sellout crowd departed — James Jones scored 11 points off the Heat bench in the span of 93 seconds as the game was winding down.

Parker scored 19 points for the Spurs, who got 14 from Patty Mills and a 10-point, 11-rebound night from Duncan — the 158th double-double of his career, passing Magic Johnson for the NBA playoff record. Duncan also passed another Lakers legend for another NBA record in Game 4; he has 8,869 career playoff minutes, 18 more than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar logged in his tenure.

Duncan called it an honor to have those marks, but quickly stressed he wants something else. "The focus is winning one more," Duncan said. "And once that one-more is done, I can look back and say, 'Hey, it's truly an honor.'"



San Antonio Spurs center Tiago Splitter (22) dunks the ball over Miami Heat guard Ray Allen (34), during the first half in Game 4 of the NBA basketball finals, Thursday, June 12, 2014, in Miami. Associated Press



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Tempers flare as Rockies beat Braves 10-3

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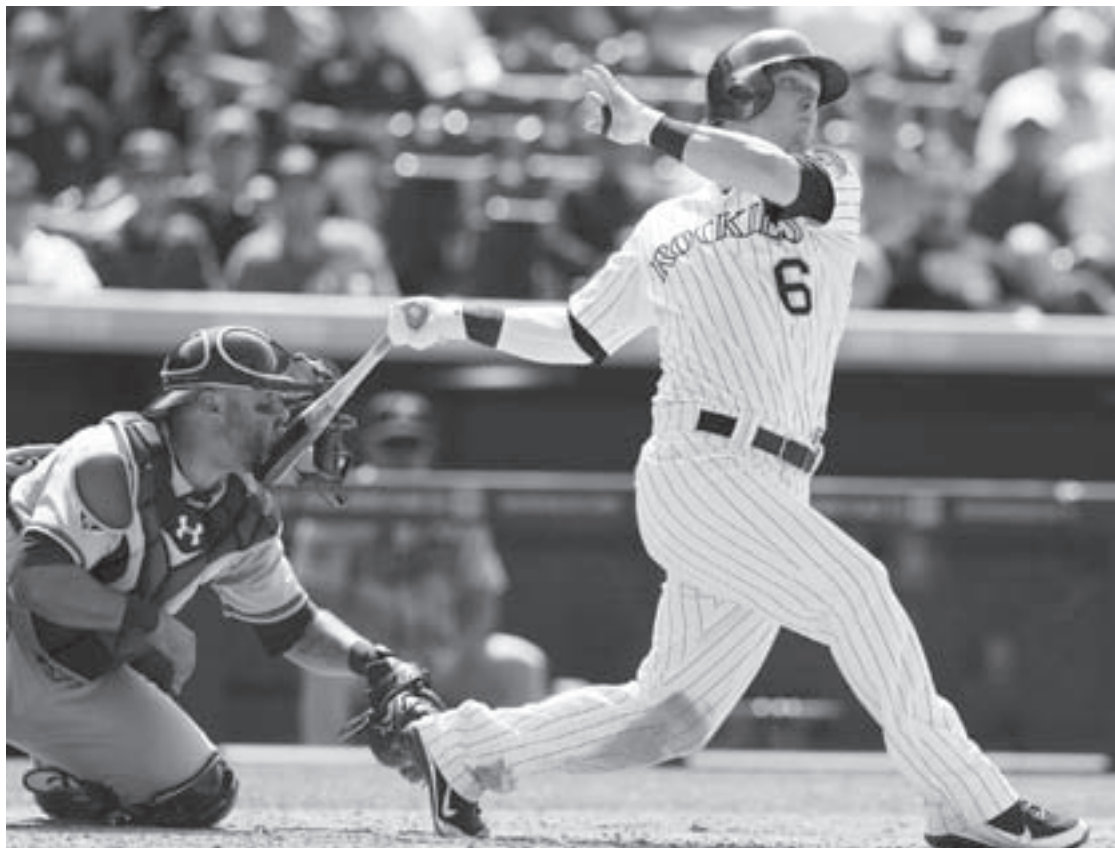
DENVER (AP) — Corey Dickerson hit Atlanta catcher Gerald Laird with his backswing and tempers quickly flared, setting off a tense sequence and leading to several ejections Thursday as the Colorado Rockies beat the Braves 10-3.

The Rockies led 8-3 in the eighth inning when Dickerson knocked off Laird's facemask with his swing — Dickerson said it was an accident.

Laird was down for several minutes before walking off and being replaced by Evan Gattis. With his next pitch, Atlanta reliever David Carpenter hit Dickerson in the thigh and was ejected.

Rockies manager Walt Weiss bolted from the dugout and began yelling at Carpenter, as well as in the general direction of Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez.

Weiss was held back by plate umpire Jordan Baker before being ejected.



Atlanta Braves catcher Gerald Laird, left, gets hit in the face by the bat of Colorado Rockies' Corey Dickerson in the eighth inning of the Rockies' 10-3 victory in a baseball game in Denver on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Associated Press

When he returned to the dugout, Weiss smashed a bat against the wall. In the ninth, Rockies reliever Nick Masset hit Gattis in

the hip with a pitch. Both Masset and Rockies bench coach Tom Runnels were immediately tossed. Jhoulys Chacin (1-4)

pitched seven scoreless innings. Ervin Santana (5-3) took the loss. TIGERS 4, WHITE SOX 0 CHICAGO (AP) — Max

Scherzer tossed a three-hitter in his first career complete game, and Victor Martinez hit his 16th homer to lead Detroit.

Scherzer (8-2) was back in his 2013 Cy Young form, striking out eight and walking three while outdueling Chicago starter Chris Sale (5-1). Only three times did the White Sox have men in scoring position.

Sale was nearly as sharp as Scherzer. He struck out 10 — all swinging — to match a season high and allowed five hits in seven innings.

Martinez hit a solo shot into the left field bullpen to lead off the fifth and Miguel Cabrera drove in two runs for Detroit. Bryan Holiday drove in an insurance run in the ninth.

GIANTS 7, NATIONALS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tim Hudson threw seven strong innings and left with a major league-best 1.81 ERA as the San Francisco Giants avoided a four-game sweep and beat Washington.

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"We want to win this race," Dempsey said Friday by phone from Le Mans, France. "We were like a minute 30 from being on the podium last year and to come so close, it's a bit frustrating."

The 48-year-old Dempsey gets another shot at a top-three finish when the 82nd race starts on Saturday. He'll share the No. 77 Dempsey Racing-Proton Porsche 911 RSR with long-time motorsports business partner Joe Foster (also competing in his third Le Mans 24) and Long. They are competing in the GTE Am class.

"We're very optimistic. We have a great team," Dempsey said. "Patrick has won this race before so he knows how to win it. Joe has a tremendous amount of experience, as well. We have a very solid lineup the way it's struc-

tured. We have a strong enough package to make this work."

Long will start the race, Dempsey follows with a shift he said could last from 45 minutes to 2 hours, and Foster goes third before the rotation begins again. They are the only all-American driver lineup in this year's race.

"We have tremendous support from back home," Dempsey said.

The "Grey's Anatomy" star is hardly a novice. He formed Dempsey Racing in 2002 and had his first competitive driving experience in 2004. He made his debut in the GT series in 2007, and ever since has tried to balance the commitment of racing weekends with an active acting career that included movie roles in "Made of Honor," and "Transformers: Dark of the Moon."

He's at Le Mans for the third time (2009, 2013) and still considers competing on the famed course as a



In this Oct. 18, 2013 file photo, Patrick Dempsey looks on from the pit area during qualifying for the American Le Mans Series' Petit Le Mans auto race at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga.

Associated Press

big a thrill as there is in endurance racing.

"Le Mans is the first one and the greatest one," he said. "Every one has its own characteristics and history that you like. For me, Le Mans is my favorite without question. But I really love Sebring. I think it's an incredibly challenging circuit."

Dempsey's full-time ride this season is in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship. He co-drives the No. 27 Dempsey Racing Porsche 911 GT America with Andrew Davis. Foster joins the team for endurance races, such as the June 29 Six Hours of The Glen.

Dempsey — who has

nabbed a podium finish in the Rolex 24 at Daytona — has kept busy in France, juggling a schedule stuffed with qualifying, practice, autograph sessions and a parade. And the actor known as "McDreamy" in his day job has been flooded with media requests to promote the race. That's just fine with the seasoned star, who wants to assist the series, and keep the race in the American spotlight in a stuffed sports weekend.

"The race begins long before the race actually begins," Dempsey said. "Everything is changing. There's a lot of obligation toward dealing with the press, obligation with your sponsors, and there's other stuff we have to take care of here."

Stuff like his keeping his body in Hollywood hunk shape for his return to "Grey's" in July.

"I've got to stay away from all the bread that's here," Dempsey said, laughing.

FCC examining reasons for Internet traffic jams

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The Federal Communications Commission is setting out to unravel the mystery behind the Internet traffic jams bogging down the delivery of Netflix videos and other online content. The inquiry announced Friday by FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler will dissect the routes that video and other data travel to reach Internet service providers such as Comcast and Verizon.

This crucial handoff of content has gained more attention in recent months as Netflix Inc. and other critics have accused the two Internet service providers of deliberately slowing incoming traffic from websites unwilling to pay for a less congested entry point. Comcast and Verizon contend Netflix should bear some of the cost for handling the heavy traffic caused by its 36 million U.S. subscribers watching video over high-speed Internet connections. At peak viewing hours, Netflix accounts for about one-third of the Internet traffic in the U.S., according to the research firm Sandvine.

The picture quality of Netflix video, though, has been increasingly erratic during the past year at several major Internet service providers, including Comcast and Verizon, which have a combined 30 million subscribers in the U.S. While Netflix has been streaming more smoothly at Comcast since those two companies forged their partnership in February, some problems have still been occurring on Verizon's network.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings has continued sniping at both Comcast Corp. and Verizon Communications, arguing they should be able to afford to deliver whatever online content that their subscribers want, given that their customers pay \$50 to \$80 per month for their Internet service. Netflix charges \$8 to \$12 per month for its Internet video service.

With the FCC inquiry,



In this Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, file photo, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler testifies during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Associated Press

Wheeler hopes to get a better understanding of how Netflix and other websites are reaching the Internet service providers through interconnection, or "peering," arrangements.

"The bottom line is that consumers need to understand what is occurring when the Internet service they've paid for does not adequately deliver the content they desire, especially content they've also paid for," Wheeler said in a statement.

In the process, the FCC also could shed more light on whether Netflix is saving money in its peering deals with Comcast and Verizon. Although the terms of the partnerships haven't been disclosed, both Comcast and Verizon have suggested Netflix is paying them less for a direct connection to their network than what it previously cost Netflix to deliver video through other intermediaries.

In a rare show of unanimity, Netflix and Comcast both said they welcomed the FCC's inquiry in the interests of greater transparency. Verizon reaffirmed its support for the status quo and pointed out that "Internet traffic exchange has always been handled through commercial agreements."

The tensions over peering arrangements is part of a much larger debate over Internet neutrality, the concept that all online traffic should be treated equally

so service providers can't set up a system that gives special preference to their own content or websites willing to pay for privileged access.

The FCC's previous guidelines for so-called net neutrality were scrapped by

a federal appeals court in January, requiring Wheeler to draw up new rules. Wheeler's initial blueprint for net neutrality raised fears that he was going to empower Internet service providers to charge for toll roads, a fear that Wheeler has sought to quell in his public statements.

Peering deals haven't been considered to be part of net neutrality, but Hastings is pushing for interconnection to become part of the equation.

Hastings' critics believe he is seizing an opportune time to publicly skewer Internet service providers in an attempt to eliminate all peering fees and boost Netflix's earnings. He has been escalating his attacks while Comcast has been trying to win government approval of its politically sensitive \$45 billion acquisi-

tion of Time Warner Cable, another major Internet service provider. Hastings is urging regulators to reject that deal on the grounds that it might make it even easier for Comcast to impose Internet tolls on content providers.

Former FCC Commissioner Michael Powell, now president of National Cable & Telecommunications Association, blasted Netflix and other unnamed Internet companies for trying to "move the goal posts" to suit their own interests. "They want to protect their profits by ensuring that the disproportionate impact caused by delivering traffic to their customers is spread across all broadband subscribers and not just those who actually use the service," Powell wrote in a blog post earlier this week. □

Jury verdict gives Facebook victory in patent case

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
AP Business Writer

McLEAN, Va. (AP) -- Facebook successfully defended itself against a lawsuit that claimed the social media company infringed on patents held by a Dutch programmer who launched a website called "Surfbook" more than a decade ago.

A holding company called Rembrandt Social Media had alleged that a now-deceased Dutch computer programmer, Joannes Van Der Meer, developed and patented methods for running a Web-based personal diary before Facebook came into existence in 2003. But Van Der Meer's website, Surfbook, never got off the ground.

Facebook said the patents should never have been issued to Van Der Meer, in part because they described methods that would be obvious to people in the trade.

Patent-infringement cases rarely make it to a jury trial, and Facebook had fought for a year to keep the case

from getting to a jury. Experts say that jury rulings in such cases can be unpredictable.

A jury returned a verdict Friday in favor of Facebook after a weeklong civil trial in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Virginia.

Rembrandt lawyers and officials did not immediately return phone calls and emails seeking comment on whether they planned to appeal.

The company complained about rulings before and during the trial that hurt its case.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III barred Rembrandt's expert on potential damages from testifying. Rembrandt tried unsuccessfully before the trial began to appeal that ruling to the 4th U.S. Circuit court of Appeals in Richmond. And during the trial, Rembrandt complained that questions Ellis asked of witnesses unfairly hurt Rembrandt's case in front of the jury, and asked for a new trial. Ellis rejected the motion.

Rembrandt had claimed

that features on Facebook, including the "like" and "share" buttons, as well as adjustable privacy settings, were all anticipated under Van Der Meer's patents. More technically, the lawsuit alleged that technology called Bigpipe, used by Facebook to speed up the loading of web pages, directly infringed on Van Der Meer's patents.

Menlo Park, California-based Facebook is frequently a target of patent-infringement lawsuits. Jason Rantanen, a law professor at the University of Iowa who specializes in patent law, said he could find only one other case where Facebook was the primary defendant in a patent-infringement trial that made it all the way to a jury. Facebook won that case as well.

In 2008, Facebook agreed to pay a \$65 million settlement to twins Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss, Harvard classmates of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. They claimed that Zuckerberg stole their idea. □

Stocks end week up on merger news

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A flurry of corporate deals and a positive outlook for the technology industry gave the stock market a lift Friday.

Intel jumped after the company said sales of business computers have been stronger than expected, and raised its revenue forecast. Technology stocks rose on the news, which was also a positive sign for investors who are betting that higher investment from businesses will help drive the economy this year.

Still, major indexes had their first weekly losses in a month. A combination of so-so economic news and concerns about the impact of higher oil prices weighed on stocks earlier in the week.

"The economy is still on a decent trend, but it's choppy and I think we can expect the same for the market," said Jerry Brackman, chief investment officer at First American Trust. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 6.05 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,936.16. The index ended the week down 0.7 percent after closing at an all-time high of 1,951.27 on Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 41.55 points, or 0.3 percent, to 16,775.74. The Nasdaq composite climbed 13.02 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,310.65.

Intel was one of the top gainers in the S&P 500 after

the company raised its revenue forecast late Thursday and said it expects profit margins to increase. The stock jumped \$1.91, or 6.8 percent, to \$29.87.

A spurt of merger news also lifted stocks.

Gambling equipment maker International Game Technology was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500.

\$2.6 billion. The deal will help Priceline, an online travel company, branch out into a new business. Priceline's international reach will help OpenTable expand overseas.

The deal sparked speculation that other technology companies could be acquired. Yelp's stock surged \$9.08, or nearly 14 percent,

"It seems like you have a deal almost every day," said John Fox, director of research at Fenimore Asset Management.

While the number of acquisitions completed this year is roughly the same as it was at this point last year, the value has surged. U.S. companies have closed deals worth \$714 billion, up



Trader Luigi Muccitelli, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A flurry of corporate deals and a positive outlook for the technology industry gave the stock market a lift Friday. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

It jumped \$1.51, or 10.5 percent, to \$15.86 after Reuters reported that a number of companies considered bidding for it.

OpenTable, an online restaurant booking service, surged \$34.05, or 48.3 percent, to \$104.48 after the company agreed to be acquired by Priceline for

to close at \$74.92.

Clothes retailer Express jumped \$2.90, or 21 percent, to \$16.45 after it said it had been approached about a takeover by Sycamore Partners, a New York-based private equity company. Sycamore already owns 9.9 percent of Express' stock.

47 percent from \$485 billion over the same period last year, according to Dealogic.

The price of crude added modestly to gains from earlier in the week. Crude is rising because Iraq's insurgency threatens to disrupt exports from OPEC's No. 2 oil producer. □

Oil rises again, nears \$107 on Iraq fighting

The Associated Press

The price of oil rose near \$107 a barrel Friday, as Iraq's widening insurgency fueled concerns that crude supplies from OPEC's No. 2 producer could be slowed.

After jumping over \$2 on Thursday, the benchmark U.S. oil contract for July delivery rose 38 cents to close at \$106.91 in New York. For the week, the U.S. benchmark rose 4.1 percent.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries,

gained 39 cents to close at \$113.41 a barrel in London. Brent rose 4.4 percent this week.

Oil prices have risen to 10-month highs after an al-Qaida-inspired group capturing two key Iraqi cities this week, including Mosul, which is in an area that is a key gateway for the country's crude. The group has vowed to march on Baghdad.

The violence in Iraq is mostly centered in the country's north, away from the major oil-producing regions

of the south. The turmoil hasn't yet slowed exports, though it raises concerns about whether Iraq can continue rebuilding its oil infrastructure and boost output to meet global demand.

"Without the oil production from the south of Iraq, the market would be stripped of an estimated 2.5 million barrels per day," said a report from analysts at Commerzbank in Frankfurt. "The sharp price rise in the last two days shows that this oil supply is no longer viewed

as secure, either."

Iraq's oil production has risen by about a fifth since 2011 to 3.3 million barrels per day, making it the second biggest producer in OPEC behind Saudi Arabia.

In other energy futures trading in New York:

— Wholesale gasoline fell 2.6 cents to close at \$3.058 a gallon.

— Natural gas fell 2.3 cents to close at \$4.739 per 1,000 cubic feet.

— Heating oil fell 0.1 cent to close at \$2.988 a gallon. □

Allergan sued over poison pill trigger: Report

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Pershing Square Capital Management, the hedge fund run by activist investor William A. Ackman, has sued Allergan, the target of a hostile bid from Pershing Square and Valeant Pharmaceuticals.

Pershing Square is seeking to call a special meeting of Allergan shareholders later this year, at which it hopes to vote in new board members who would support the deal, which is valued at \$53 billion.

But Pershing Square contends that Allergan has not made it clear whether calling the meeting would set off its shareholder rights plan, or poison pill, which would substantially dilute shareholders, including Pershing Square with its nearly 10 percent stake. By not making that clear, Allergan is effectively postponing any potential meeting.

On Friday, Pershing Square sued Allergan in Delaware court, seeking a declaratory judgment that would clarify whether calling a meeting would trigger the pill.

"We regret that we were forced to file this lawsuit," Ackman said in a statement. "Allergan's failure to confirm that its poison pill does not apply to the actions taken in furtherance of calling a special meeting is a blatant attempt to frustrate shareholders' ability to express their views and exercise their rights."

Pershing Square said it requested confirmation from Allergan on June 6 that calling a meeting would not set off the poison pill. Allergan's counsel replied Wednesday but "failed to provide the confirmation requested."

However, Allergan's letter on Wednesday includes a relatively straightforward reply to the main question Pershing Square posed. As long as Pershing Square does not own more than 10 percent of shares, calling a special meeting "should not, of itself" trigger the pill. □

Check, please: Priceline buys OpenTable for \$2.6B

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Priceline has negotiated a \$2.6 billion entree into the restaurant business.

The global travel booking king announced Friday it is acquiring OpenTable Inc. in a deal that would put Priceline into a new business doing for restaurant reservations much what it does for hotel bookings.

The deal should give Priceline a new way to cater to its increasingly mobile-savvy customers, while parlaying Priceline's global reach to expand OpenTable to other countries.

"Travelers are diners," Priceline Group CEO and President Darren Huston said on a conference call. "It's the same customers. There's opportunity to cross-promote brands."

In a statement, OpenTable CEO Matt Roberts cited Priceline's expertise in online marketing globally on all types of devices.

"They have an exceptional track record of customer service in dozens of languages around the world," Roberts said.

Priceline will pay \$103 per share, which is a 46 percent premium to OpenTable Inc.'s Thursday closing price of \$70.43.

Shares of OpenTable soared \$34.05, or more than 48 percent, to close at \$104.48 Friday. Priceline shares fell \$36.70, or 3 percent, to \$1,189.30.

Priceline, which generated sales of \$6.8 billion last year, has made a series of acquisitions over the last decade, most recently last year's purchase of Kayak.com, an online travel site. The acquisitions focused on travel — until now.

During the conference call Friday, Huston noted the latest deal doesn't signal it's going on any acquisition binges. In fact, Priceline's main business is still growing well, he said. But he noted OpenTable offers an opportunity to increase the size of its market.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Huston said the company has seen OpenTable as an acquisi-

tion target for many years. But the time was right now. OpenTable seats more than 15 million diners per month at more than 31,000 restaurants. It allows users to make free reservations at restaurants through its website and mobile apps. It makes money by charging restaurants fees for the bookings. Users can also read reviews and view menus through the website

or mobile app.

OpenTable, founded in 1998, has enjoyed double-digit growth for the past several years and generated revenue of \$190 million last year. That's up 18 percent from the year before and more than triple its 2008 revenue of \$55.8 million. In 2010, it purchased toptable.co.uk, a similar site in the United Kingdom. OpenTable will remain

headquartered in San Francisco and will operate as an independent business led by its current management team.

Huston said Priceline's first goal is to expand OpenTable internationally. Users can already book restaurants in London, Berlin, Hong Kong and other cities, but Huston said it is seeking to add more cities. Because Priceline already

has "offices in every major city in the world," doing so should be seamless, he said.

OpenTable also is working on making it easier to sign up new restaurants to its service, said Huston.

The company is creating a cloud-based system instead of using the hardware it now needs restaurants to install to use OpenTable.

At Priceline, an average of more than 1 million guests stay in accommodations booked through one of its brands each night. Its brands include Booking.com, priceline.com, agoda.com, and rentalcars.com and it has relationships with more than 480,000 properties in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

Brian Sozzi, of Belus Capital Advisors noted that competition for OpenTable has increased from services including Grubhub.com and Ureserv.com, but OpenTable still dominates in a fragmented market.

"This will be a one-stop solution to the customers," he said.

He noted that Priceline is becoming like an Amazon.com to travelers. □



Priceline.com headquarters is shown, in Norwalk, Conn. Priceline is buying online restaurant reservation company OpenTable for \$2.6 billion. The deal should help Priceline, the online travel company, branch out into a new business segment.

(AP Photo/Douglas Healey)

Amaya buying PokerStars, Full Tilt for \$4.9B

NEW YORK (AP) — The owner and operator of the PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker brands is selling itself to Amaya Gaming Group Inc. in a \$4.9 billion deal that is part of its plan to hopefully return to the U.S. market after a dustup with federal authorities three years ago. PokerStars and Full Tilt ran into some trouble in April 2011 when the U.S. government seized their websites and charged executives at the companies and people that move money for them with fraud and money laundering.

In July 2012 PokerStars reached a settlement with the Justice Department in which it agreed to pay the government \$547 million over three years. At the time the company said that the money was to be used in part to reimburse former U.S. customers of Full

Tilt Poker, whose assets PokerStars had acquired.

Amaya said late Thursday it believes the acquisition will expedite the entry of PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker into regulated markets in which it already has a footprint, especially the U.S. Amaya makes gaming machines and systems, and says the PokerStars business is complementary with little overlap.

Internet gambling in U.S. has been off to a slower than anticipated start, with experts saying that it is being held back by illegal offshore operators who are continuing to draw users and siphon off millions of dollars. The first legal online U.S. poker company opened a little over a year ago.

Since that time the industry's growth has been slowed by several factors,

such as technical hurdles and laws limiting players to the three states — New Jersey, Nevada and Delaware — where Internet gambling is legal.

Still, experts believe that there is plenty of room for growth for online gambling in the U.S.

PokerStars and Full Tilt are owned by Isle of Man-based Rational Group Ltd., whose parent company is privately held Oldford Group Ltd.

Canada's Amaya said the deal with Oldford will make it the biggest publicly traded online operator of casino games.

Justin Kew of Cantor Fitzgerald Canada said in a client note that the transaction is a "watershed acquisition" for Amaya that will increase its revenue and adjusted earnings by more than eight times. The ana-

lyst tripled Amaya's price target to \$25.50 Canadian dollars (\$23.49) from \$8.50 Canadian dollars (\$7.83). He reaffirmed a "Buy" rating.

PokerStars — the world's biggest online poker website — and Full Tilt Poker have more than 85 million registered players on desktop and mobile devices. Online poker services provided by PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker will not be affected by the transaction.

The boards of Amaya and Oldford unanimously approved the deal. Amaya doesn't anticipate making any changes to its board related to the transaction. The deal is expected to close by Sept. 30. It needs the approval of Amaya shareholders, who will vote at its rescheduled annual meeting, now set for July 30. □

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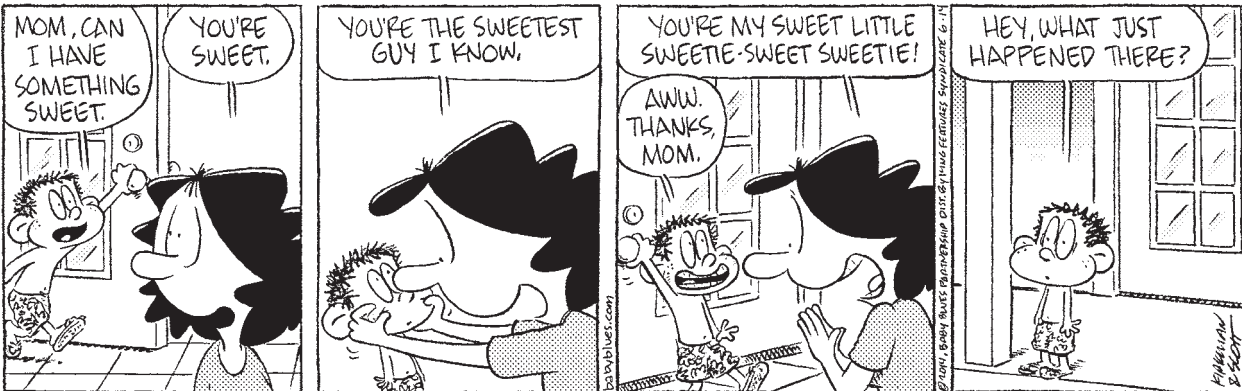
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Small suitcase
- Actor Ted ___
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- Actress Greta
- Writing instrument
- Playthings
- Pass on, as a message
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- Small digit
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- Finish
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- Palmer's pegs

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- Ponder
- "My ___ are sealed"
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- Without companions
- Word of disgust
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- Queue
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- Hubbubs
- Evergreens
- Ash or alder
- ___ on to; keep
- Cravings
- Hate
- School org.
- Cattle food
- Ruby or scarlet
- Discontinue
- Damp

Threat grows from liver illness tied to obesity

ANAHAD O'CONNOR

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Despite major gains in fighting hepatitis C and other chronic liver conditions, public health officials are now faced with a growing epidemic of liver disease that is tightly linked to the obesity crisis.

In the past two decades,



Dr. Joel Lavine, chief of pediatric gastroenterology at NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, May 22, 2014. Lavine studies fatty liver disease, a rapidly growing problem driven by poor diet. "The equivalent of this is foie gras," Lavine says. "You have to force feed ducks to get fatty liver, but people seem to be able to develop it on their own."

(Nancy Borowick/The New York Times)

the prevalence of the disease, known as nonalcoholic fatty liver, has more than doubled in teenagers and adolescents, and climbed at a similar rate in adults. Studies based on federal surveys and diagnostic testing have found that it occurs in about 10 percent of children and at least 20 percent of adults in the United States, eclipsing the rate of any other chronic liver condition.

There are no drugs approved to treat the disease, and it is quickly becoming a leading cause of liver transplants around the country.

Doctors say that the disease, which causes the liver to swell with fat, is particularly striking because it is nearly identical to the

liver damage that is seen in heavy drinkers. But in this case the damage is done not by alcohol, but by poor diet and excess weight.

"The equivalent of this is foie gras," said Dr. Joel E. Lavine, the chief of pediatric gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition at NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. "You have to force feed ducks to get fatty liver, but people seem to be able to develop it on their own."

Gavin Owenby, a 13-year-old in Hiawasse, Georgia, learned he had the disease two years ago after developing crippling abdominal pain.

With no drugs to offer him, Gavin's doctor warned that the only way to re-

verse his fatty liver was to exercise and change his diet. "They told me to stay away from sugar and eat more fruits and vegetables," Gavin said. "But it's hard."

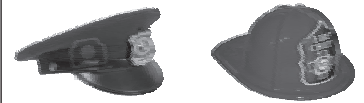
Most patients have a less severe form of the disease, with no obvious symptoms. But having nonalcoholic fatty liver is a strong risk factor for developing heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. And in 10 to 20 percent of patients, the fat that infiltrates the liver leads to inflammation and scarring that can slowly shut down the organ, setting the stage for cirrhosis, liver cancer and ultimately liver failure. Studies show that at least 5 million Americans have this more progressive form of the disease, known as nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, or NASH. □

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NASA hopes to launch 'flying saucer' after delay

ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA hopes to try again to launch a "flying saucer" into Earth's atmosphere to test Mars mission technology after losing the chance because of bad weather, project managers said Thursday.

The space agency is working with the U.S. Navy on the Hawaiian island of Kauai to see if it can get the experimental flight off the ground in late June.

During the current two-week launch window, the team came "tantalizingly close," but winds spoiled every opportunity, said project manager Mark Adler of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

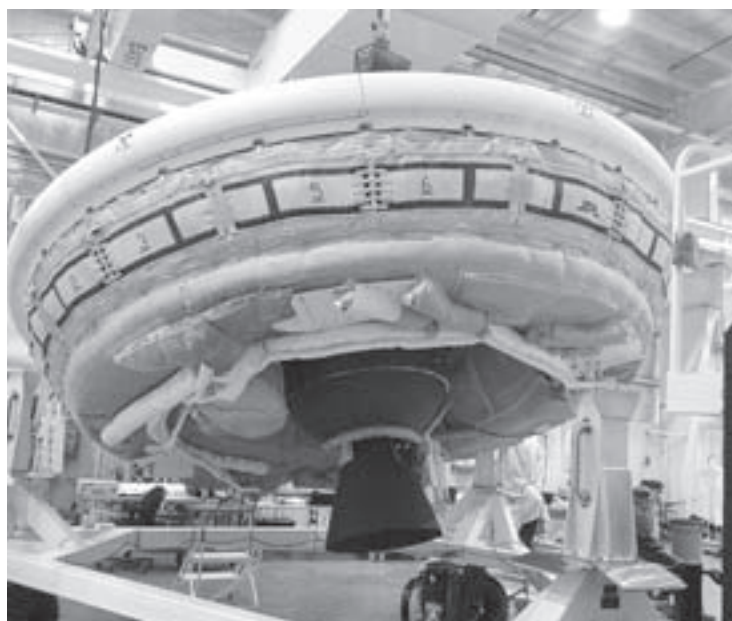
Winds must be calm for a helium balloon to carry the

disc-shaped vehicle over the Pacific so it doesn't stray into no-fly zones.

"We're ready to go. We're not giving up," Adler said. NASA has invested \$150 million in the project so far, and extending the launch window would come with some cost. If the flight doesn't happen this summer, it would be postponed until next year.

The mission is designed to test a new supersonic vehicle and giant parachute in Earth's stratosphere where conditions are similar to the red planet.

For decades, NASA relied on the same parachute design to slow spacecraft streaking through the thin Martian atmosphere. The 1-ton Curiosity rover that landed in 2012 used the same basic parachute as



In this undated image provided by NASA a saucer-shaped test vehicle holding equipment for landing large payloads on Mars is shown in the Missile Assembly Building at the US Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii.

Associated Press

the twin Viking landers in 1976. With plans to land heavier payloads and eventually astronauts, NASA needed to develop new drag

devices and a stronger parachute. Measuring 110 feet (33.5 meters) in diameter, the new parachute is twice as large as the one that carried Curiosity. Since it can't fit in a wind tunnel where NASA does its traditional testing, engineers looked toward the skies off Kauai. NASA had rigged the test vehicle with several GoPro cameras with the hope that viewers would follow the action live on-line. Project scientist Ian Clark called the weather delay "hardly even a hiccup" in the long road to landing spacecraft on Earth's planetary neighbor. "We're still very enthusiastic," Clark said. "We're still very optimistic about the opportunities that we think we'll have in front of us to do this test." □

Study: 20,000 elephants poached in Africa in 2013

GENEVA (AP) — More than 20,000 elephants were poached last year in Africa where large seizures of smuggled ivory eclipsed those in Asia for the first time, international wildlife regulators said Friday.

Eighty percent of the African seizures were in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, three of the eight nations required to draw up plans to curb ivory smuggling, officials with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) reported.

The report says poaching is increasing in Central African Republic, but declining in Chad. But CITES, which regulates 35,000 species of plants and animals and which banned ivory trade in 1989, says the



overall poaching numbers in 2013 dropped from the previous two years.

"We are seeing better law enforcement and demand-reduction efforts across multiple countries, as well as greater political and public attention to this unfolding crisis," said John Scanlon, the CITES secretary-general.

About 28 percent of Africa's elephants are in eastern Africa, but most of them — close to 55 percent — are in southern Africa. □

In this photo taken Tuesday June 10, 2014 and supplied by International Fund For Animal Welfare (IFAW), an orphaned elephant calf, left, one of two, is introduced to an adult at the Game Rangers International Release Facility at the Kafue National Park in Zambia.

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Prehistoric elephant skull excavated in New Mexico

ELEPHANT BUTTE, New Mexico (AP) — Scientists and paleontologists in New Mexico are excavating a prehistoric elephant skull that an expert says is one of the most intact ever found.

Officials at Elephant Butte Lake State Park say the skull was being dug out Thursday. It will be protected with plaster and transported to Albuquerque.

Paleontologists at the New

Mexico Museum of History and Science are working with the park and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation staff to excavate the fossil.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports campers discov-

ered the stegomastodon skull last weekend at the park, which is named for a rock formation rising above the reservoir. Gary Morgan, the museum's curator of paleontology, says it's the

"most complete elephant skull of any kind" that he's seen in his 20 years of experience in the field. Experts say stegomastodons went extinct around 1.3 million years ago. □

NBC's Matt Lauer is sticking with 'Today' show

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With things looking up for the "Today" show after a dark period, Matt Lauer decided to stick around and NBC is happy to have him. The network said Friday that Lauer had agreed to a contract extension to continue as co-host of the morning show, as he's been since 1997. The show is trying to recover the dominance it lost to rival "Good Morning America" the past few years.

Lauer's popularity took a major hit two years ago following the messy departure of co-host Ann Curry. Despite that, NBC's own research showed that losing Lauer would be much more damaging, and his bosses let him know he was still wanted. He told management last week that he wanted to stay, and an agreement was reached quickly. Lauer told his "Today" colleagues Thursday that he'd be staying, said an NBC executive who spoke on condition of anonymity because the network doesn't talk publicly about contracts.

Lauer's popularity has stabilized over the past year, with the percentage of negative impressions decreasing, according to Marketing Evaluations Inc., a Long Island company that measures the likeability of TV personalities.

"Matt really isn't the problem with the show," said Shelley Ross, who competed against Lauer as the former top producer at the ABC and CBS morning shows. "Matt still, I think, is one of the all-time anchor greats. I clearly think the 'Today' show is rattled. It's not the confident show it once was."

Some of Lauer's potential in-house successors — Willie Geist, Carson Daly and Josh Elliott — will have time now for more seasoning.

The top network morning shows all saw viewership gains during the TV season just concluded. "Good Morning America" went up 8 percent over last year to an average of 5.7 million

each morning, "Today" went up 9 percent to 5.1 million and "CBS This Morning" increased 11 percent to 3.1 million, the Nielsen company said. Among younger viewers that "Today" counts on for advertising sales, it's much closer

between the two top shows. □

In this Friday, March 29, 2013, file photo, Matt Lauer, co-host of the NBC "Today" television program, appears during a segment of the show in New York's Rockefeller Center.

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In this Friday, June 18, 2004 file photo, Jazz legend Jimmy Scott poses for a portrait at his home in Euclid, Ohio.

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jimmy Scott, a jazzman with an ethereal man-child voice who found success late in life with the Grammy-nominated "All the Way," has died. He was 88.

Scott died in his sleep Thursday at his Las Vegas home, his wife, Jeanie Scott, said.

He battled health problems stemming from a genetic hormone deficiency and had been under the care of a home nurse, she said.

His 1992 album "All the Way" sold only 49,000 copies in the U.S. but earned him cult-like popularity in Europe and Asia, particularly Japan, where he of-

Jimmy Scott, jazzman with ethereal voice, dies

ten sold out performances. Eventually he performed with the likes of Elton John and Sting. "I love show business," Scott told The Associated Press in 2004. "It's my life, honey, and I try to enjoy it." His signature high voice came from Kallmann's syndrome, which kept him from experiencing puberty and stunted his growth. He stood just under 5 feet — and his voice did not change.

Although that trait ultimately helped Scott stand out as a singer, he also suffered from congestive heart failure and had a lifestyle that included heavy drinking and smoking.

Despite his youthful sound, Scott brought heavy emo-

tion to his delivery, often dramatically drawing out lyrics and singing far behind the beat.

The technique won praise from Billie Holiday, Nancy Wilson and Madonna, who after seeing him perform in 1994 told The New York Times that Scott was the only singer who ever made her cry. "Jimmy had soul way back when people weren't using the word," Ray Charles once said in a PBS documentary on the history of jazz.

A record label dispute prevented Scott from making an album in the 1950s produced by Charles. Scott's previous record company, Savoy Records, said it had an exclusive, lifetime con-

tract with him, and the company blocked Scott's efforts to release new records for nearly 20 years.

Savoy Records dropped the matter in the 1970s. By that time, Scott had returned to Cleveland, where he worked as a hotel clerk and nursing home aide.

Scott was born in Cleveland on July 17, 1925. He had a difficult childhood in East Cleveland, losing his mother, who cultivated his passion for music, in a traffic accident at age 13.

His first claim to fame came in 1949 when he recorded the vocals as "Little Jimmy Scott" for the Lionel Hampton Band's "Everybody's Somebody's Fool." □

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Checker to Rock Hall: Induct me or 'drop dead'

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Chubby Checker wants the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame to know it's time to induct him into its exclusive club before it's too late.

"I don't want to get in there when I'm 85 years old. I'll tell them to drop dead, so you better do it quick while I'm still smiling," Checker said Thursday.

Checker's recording of "The Twist," and subsequent "Let's Twist Again" are considered among the most popular songs in the history of rock 'n' roll. "Let's Twist Again" was the first rock 'n' roll song that received a Grammy (in 1962)," Checker said.

The 72-year-old recording artist equates a place in the Cleveland-based hall to the ability to sustain his career.

"If you put me in when I'm too old to make a living, then it's no good for me to be in there."

He added: "The Rolling Stones, they're in there. The Beastie Boys are in there, they're young. Hall

and Oates were just in there and they're still making money."

He made the comments on the red carpet for the annual Songwriters Hall of Fame gala in New York where Checker performed "Let's Twist Again" for the ASCAP Centennial celebration. A representative for the Rock Hall didn't immediately return an email seeking comment.

At the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in April, Daryl Hall mentioned that Hall and Oates was the first Philadelphia-based band to be inducted. And after mentioning Chubby Checker, he said: "Why isn't he in?"

And he's not alone. Before going into the ceremony, legendary songwriter Kenny Gamble — of the songwriting team Gamble and Huff — said he feels Checker is long overdue.

"I think Chubby Checker should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He's the only person I know to have the same song go to No. 1 twice." □

The Real War of Ideas



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The takeover Tuesday of the Iraqi city of Mosul by Sunni extremists who spilled over the Syrian border underscores the clash of world views that is underway in the whole Eastern Mediterranean, which I saw close up during my visit to Kurdistan a few days ago. And it's not what you think.

It is not the elected Iraqi government led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki versus the Sunni extremists. Al-Maliki is a tyrant who's governed Iraq as a Shiite chauvinist, just as much as Sunni militants promote Sunni chauvinism. Both are losers. No - the real war of ideas, the only one worth taking sides in, is the one between the religious extremists (Sunni and Shiite) and the committed environmentalists. Both are actually trying to erase the borders of the Middle East but for very different reasons.

Both the extremists and the environmentalists believe their visions will triumph only if you imagine that the borders of Syria, Iraq, Turkey and Lebanon don't exist and you govern the region as a single political system or ecosystem. If the extremists win - and right now they are winning - this region will become a human and ecological disaster zone. If the environmentalists win, it will be because enough people realize that if they don't learn to share this space, either they will destroy each other or Mother Nature will soon destroy them all.

While in Kurdistan, I hung out with some of the environmentalists. What an eye-opener! Their view is that the Middle East may be divided into separate states, but it can be managed today to the benefit of the most people only if one thinks of it as a single hydraulic and biological ecosystem that is increasingly threatened by natural and man-made disasters. For instance, in the 1990s, Iraq's Kurdistan region found itself under double sanctions - the United Nation's sanctions on Saddam Hussein's Iraq and Saddam's sanctions on Kurdistan. As a result, the Kurds massively deforested their hillsides to burn wood for energy, wiping out the native Kurdish oak and the food chain that sustained megafauna like the Persian leopard.

That's why, said Azzam Alwash, president of Nature Iraq and winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize for his efforts to save the Iraqi Marshes, the one place where the Persian leopard still survives today is on the Iraq-Iran border, which is still forested with land mines, "so hunters can't go there." And while occasionally a leopard tragically steps on

a mine, the minefields have so limited human activity that nature has again flourished there. Alwash wants to keep the mines, create safe hiking routes and call it a "peace park."

The real problem, though, said Alwash, is water, which is becoming so prized that it now costs about twice as much per liter as the leaded gasoline Iraqis use in their cars.

"The majority of the world think Iraq is oil, desert and war," he explained. "My Iraq is the snow-capped mountains of Kurdistan and the majestic valleys that take the water and soils of these sacred mountains down to southern Iraq. If we are what we eat, we Iraqis are all made from the minerals of the mountains of Kurdistan - Kurds, Shia, Sunnis, Yazidis, Turkmen and Christians."

The primary headwaters of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers are, indeed, in the largely Kurdish-populated mountains of eastern Turkey and Iraq. However, more droughts, diesel pumping, water needs for farms and a growing population in Turkey, plus rising demands for water by the oil industry in Iraq, have all combined to slow the flow of both great rivers across Syria and Iraq. Turkey has built some 20 large dams and hundreds of small and medium dams to control the flow of the rivers for electricity and irrigation. Turkey also isn't keen on sharing water with anti-Turkish Kurdish militants in Iraq and Syria, and Turkey now has hostile relations with Syria's government. The net result is that "agriculture is dying in the land where it was born," Alwash said of the Iraqi river basin.

As for the extremists, The Financial Times recently ran a map of the Middle East titled "Fighters Without Borders," with colored arrows showing the flow of Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish fighters back and forth across the whole region, from Lebanon, through Syria and Iraq and down to the Gulf, irrespective of borders. Indeed, the Sunni group that led the seizure of Mosul is called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. No border.

The environmentalists think of this region without borders because only by managing it as an integrated river system and water basin - from Turkey, through Syria and Kurdistan and down to the marshes of southern Iraq - can you sustainably manage its resources for the good of all. The extremists want to erase the borders because only by linking up with their compatriots in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Kurdistan and Turkey can each sect or ethnic group hope to escape being ruled by the other.

The environmentalists start with the "commons" and try to get everyone to think about what they share. The extremists start with "exclusion" and try to get everyone to think about whom they fear. The Eastern Mediterranean will have a future only if the "ism" it opts for is environmentalism - not pan-Shiism, Sunnism, Turkism, Kurdism or Islamism. □

BRAZILIAN DEFENSE



She Gets No Respect



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Here's a riddle: Why would a Hurricane Alexandra be deadlier than an identical Hurricane Alexander?

Because females don't get respect. Not even 100 mile-per-hour typhoons, if they're dubbed with female names.

Researchers find that female-named hurricanes kill about twice as many people as similar male-named hurricanes because some people underestimate them. Americans expect male hurricanes to be violent and deadly, but they mistake female hurricanes as dainty or wimpish and don't take adequate precautions.

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, underscored how unconscious biases shape our behavior - even when we're unaware of them.

Researchers examined the most damaging hurricanes between 1950 and 2012, excluding a couple of outliers like Katrina in 2005. They found that female-named storms killed an average of 45 people, while similar hurricanes with male names killed about half as many.

The authors of the study, Kiju Jung and others at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Arizona State University, also conducted experiments asking people to predict the intensity

and riskiness of a hurricane. When asked about a male hurricane, like Alexander, people predicted a more violent storm than when asked about a female hurricane, like Alexandra.

Likewise, research subjects were more willing to evacuate to avoid Hurricane Victor than when it was Hurricane Victoria. The more masculine the name, the more respect the hurricane drew. The researchers estimated that changing the name of a hurricane from Charley to Eloise could nearly triple the death toll.

Women were as likely as men to disrespect female hurricanes.

We often assume that racism or sexism is primarily about in-your-face bigots or misogynists, but research in the last couple of decades - capped by this hurricane study - shows that the larger problem is unconscious bias even among well-meaning, enlightened people who embrace principles of equality.

This affects the candidates we vote for, the employees we hire, the people we do business with. I suspect unconscious bias has been far more of a factor for President Barack Obama than overt racism and will also be a challenge for Hillary Rodham Clinton if she runs for president again.

"It's a mistake to assume that gender bias is only or mainly about misogynists," said Susan Fiske, a psychology professor at Princeton University and the editor of the hurricane study. "Much gender bias is more automatic, ambiguous and ambivalent than people typically assume."

"Gender bias is not mostly about 'I hate them, I hate them,'" she added. "A lot of it is about 'I cherish them because they are nice, even if incompetent and needing protection.'"

Yale researchers contacted science professors at major research universities and asked them to evaluate an application from a (mythical) recent graduate for a laboratory position. The professors received a one-page summary of the candidate, who in some versions was John and in others Jennifer. On a scale of 1 to 7, with 7

the highest, the professors rated John an average of 4, and Jennifer a 3.3. On average, the professors suggested a salary for Jennifer of \$26,508, and \$30,328 for John. Professors were more willing to mentor John than Jennifer.

The professors' assessments were unrelated to their own age or gender.

Other studies have reached similar conclusions, often by sending out identical résumés for job applicants - some with a female name and some with a male name. The male versions do better.

For example, evaluators assess the CV of "Brian Miller" as stronger than that of an identical "Karen Miller." Stanford Business School students who read about "Heidi" rate her more power-hungry and self-promoting than those who read about an otherwise identical "Howard."

While virtually all voters say today that they would vote for a qualified woman for president (only 30 percent said so in 1930), experiments by Cecilia Hyunjong Mo of Vanderbilt University suggest that in practice people favor male candidates because they associate men with leadership.

Mo found that people, when asked to make pairs of images, have no trouble doing so with male names and words like "president" or "governor." But some struggle to do so quickly with female names, and those people are more likely to vote for male candidates.

"There appears to be a gulf between our conscious ideals of equality and our unconscious tendency to discriminate at the ballot box," Mo writes.

I suspect that unconscious biases shape everything from salary discrimination to the lackadaisical way many universities handle rape cases. They also help explain why only 4.8 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs and 18.5 percent of members of Congress are women. This deep bias is as elusive as it is pernicious, but a start is to confront and discuss it. Perhaps hurricanes, by catching us out, can help us face our own chauvinism. □

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A Rave as Reveille to Jump-Start the Workday

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NEW YORK - Three tall, glowing jellyfish puppets swept around the club floor, illuminating the broad grins and sweat-soaked brows of the wildly hopping dancers. Thumping house remixes of Tears for Fears' "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" and Missy Elliott's "Work It" rattled the balcony railings. Two disc jockeys pumped their fists as a small pack of brass players appeared on the balcony, bleating along to the electronic soundtrack under stark strobe lights.

It was a typically raucous scene in Williamsburg - a Brooklyn neighborhood now synonymous with trendy electronic music culture and its young neon-clad devotees. However, not all was familiar at this rave called Daybreaker, held at the club Verboten. For a start, the 400 young participants wore athletic clothing and pressed office wear rather than skimpy dresses and droll T-shirts. Some were bright-eyed, but just as many yawned and clutched cups of coffee. When bodies collided on the boisterous floor, apologies often ended with, "Have a good day." The wording was important, as was the caffeine. It was 8 a.m.

The Daybreaker dance party, which runs from 7 to 9 a.m. three times a month, is one of two new early electronic diversions find-

ing audiences in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Branded as both a morning workout option and a wholesome inversion of dance culture, the events are novel beyond their sunrise start times: They are alcohol-free, with coffee and fruit-infused water distributed at the bar instead of the customary club libations. The event, which had its debut in December and moves from place to place, darkens its spaces to mimic the typical rave experience, quite convincingly.

"It's like a casino in here; there's no idea of time," said Malcolm Ring, 24, a financial analyst. He woke at 5:30 a.m. to attend this Daybreaker party, his first. "I would normally go for a run right now, but this is more enjoyable."

Patrons seemed to savor the more sober environment. "It's usually pickle-back shots and beer nuts at the bar, not coffee and juice," said Rachel Wasserman, 28, an account executive who was also attending Daybreaker for the first time. "I like this."

Here is where I disclose that I am not a morning person nor, at 29, a particularly ardent clubber. If a dance party broke out spontaneously in my bedroom before 9 a.m., it would be greeted with a barrage of pillows and inarticulate cursing. So I approached Daybreaker with some trepidation and a desperate grasp on a double espresso.

What I found was an amiable crowd of corporate employees and artists, mostly in their 20s; they seemed appreciative of the multiple chaste offerings, including massages, pre-dancing yoga and a "Free Haikus" corner, where a pair of poets who call themselves the

founder of Daybreaker. "Dance culture and underground music tends to be boxed in to this idea that you need alcohol or drugs to enjoy."

What we're trying to say is that there's a whole world of creative experience and dance, music and art."

flower leis to guests, who begin to arrive at 6:30 a.m. In London, some attendees dress up in elaborate Burning Man-style costumes. Morning Gloryville also shuns alcohol.

"If you're used to hiding or escaping with alcohol and drugs, and then you dis-



The dance floor at Daybreaker, an alcohol-free morning dance party at Verboten, a club in New York, in June, 2014. Daybreaker, one of two morning dance-party series that are gaining popularity in New York, features live musicians, yoga and a bar serving coffee and fruit juice.

(Willie Davis/The New York Times)

Haiku Guys hammered out verses on attendees' topics of choice. At 7 a.m., the atmosphere felt a bit awkward, and the dancing was tentative, but the room soon became rowdy and enjoyable.

"You get some exercise in, you feel great physically, and it's an incredible dance party," said Matthew Brimer, 27, a co-

Morning Gloryville, another early dance series, began in London in May 2013 and held its first event in Brooklyn last month. It also features electronic DJs and offers massages and yoga. However, unlike Daybreaker, with its hip nocturnal vibe, Morning Gloryville is held in a bright and open space and has a whimsical air; the staff distributes

cover that you can have genuine fun and make meaningful connections without it, that's really empowering," said Annie Fabricant, 32, a co-producer of the New York parties.

"Our team is not staunchly anti-drugs or anti-alcohol, though. It's just an opportunity to experience dancing in a different way." □